

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
CHAPTER 490-2, LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 490-2-.09, LICENSURE:  
ENDORSEMENT, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule Chapter 490-2, Licensure Requirements, Rule 490-2-.09, Licensure: Endorsement (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being disseminated to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board website <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/39>, or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2016, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on November 8, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-1308.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2016 at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Board has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendment to 490-2-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-14 and 43-33-15.

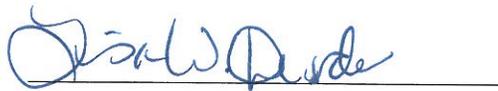
At its meeting November 17, 2015, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-14 and 43-33-15.

Additionally, at its meeting November 17, 2015, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-33-10, 43-33-14 and 43-33-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of physical therapy.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 16 day of September 2016.



Lisa W. Durden  
Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

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**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
PHYSICAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 490-2, LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS,  
RULE 490-2-.09, LICENSURE: ENDORSEMENT.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule amendment is to further clarify the requirements for an applicant seeking licensure by endorsement.

**Main Features:** The amendments further clarify that applicants by endorsement must submit verification of an active license in good standing, not just a list of states where the applicant holds a license. Additional language was inserted to clarify that the endorsement applicant must also verify active practice and not just attest to having actively practiced in two years immediately preceding the date of the application.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
RULE FOR CHAPTER 490-2, LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, RULE 490-2-.09,  
LICENSURE: ENDORSEMENT.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

**Rule 490-2-.09. Licensure: Endorsement/Reciprocity**

(1) The Board may, in its discretion register a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant without an examination as set forth in Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 43-33-15 upon payment of applicable fees. (Refer to fee schedule)

(2) Any applicant applying for licensure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-33-15 and who is a graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) and approved by the Board, must provide:

(a) verification of an active license in good standing from another state board ~~a list of all states where the applicant holds an active license~~; and,

(b) a verification of licensure in good standing from the state board of all states in which the applicant has held a license to actively practice; and,

(c) verification of active practice in the two years immediately preceding the date of ~~this~~ application; and,

(~~e~~d) official transcript from the institution granting the entry level degree in physical therapy or physical therapist assistant indicating the date of graduation; and,

(~~e~~) scores from the national licensing examination.

(3) Any applicant applying for licensure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-33-15 who is a graduate of a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program not accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) or approved by the Board, must provide:

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(b) a verification of licensure in good standing from the state board of all states in which the applicant has held a license to actively practiced; and,

(c) verification of active practice in the two years immediately preceding the date of this application; and,

(ed) official evaluation and transcript from a credential evaluation organization approved by the State of Georgia; and

(de) scores from the national licensing examination.

(4) ~~Proper proof of licensure in good standing from the state(s) where the applicant practiced in the two years immediately preceding this application.~~ Proof of graduation from an accredited physical therapy or physical therapist assistant program or credential evaluations deemed substantially equivalent to the professional degree, and satisfactory completion of the licensing examination shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence of compliance with Code Section 43-33-15. The Board, however, may request further verification of any credential submitted if deemed necessary to evaluate the application.

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