

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-8, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS,
RULE 510-8-.03 REPORTING/DOCUMENTATION, 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 Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation (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 forwarded 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 at www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/psych or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015**, 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 Friday, December 11, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2015** 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 the proposed rule amendments to 510-8-.03 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-7; 43-39-8; 43-39-12; 43-39-13 and 43-39-14.

At its meeting Friday, July 24, 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

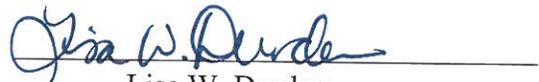
objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-7; 43-39-8; 43-39-12; 43-39-13; and 43-39-14

Additionally, at its meeting Friday, July 24, 2015, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2; 43-1-7; 43-1-19; 43-1-25; 43-39-5; 43-39-7; 43-39-8; 43-39-12; 43-39-13; and 43-39-14 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 Psychology.

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 26 day of October, 2015



Lisa W. Durden

Director

Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: 26 Oct 15

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-8, CONTINUING EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS, RULE 510-8-.03 REPORTING/DOCUMENTATION**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to reduce the time period for late obtainment of deficient continuing education hours.

Main Features: The amended rule changes the time period of the obtainment of any deficient or non-approved continuing education hours to coincide with the lapsed-late renewal period.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-8, CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS,
RULE 510-8-.03 REPORTING/DOCUMENTATION**

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

510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation.

- (1) Each licensee shall maintain for four years his/her own records of completed continuing education activities. The Board will not maintain continuing education files for licensees.
- (2) Each licensee shall attest, on his/her biennial license renewal application, that he/she has satisfied the continuing education requirements. Documentation of these activities should be retained by the licensee and not sent to the Board unless so requested. False attestation of satisfaction of the continuing education requirements on a renewal application may subject to licensee to disciplinary action, including revocation.
- (3) The Board will audit a fixed percentage of the renewal applications. Licensees whose applications are audited will be required to document the completion of his/her continuing education activities on the Continuing Education Report Form. Licensees will also be required to provide copies of the actual certificates earned for Area IV Approved Sponsored Continuing Education activities and also the documentation of any CE activities claimed from Areas I, II, III, and V as is required and specified in those areas.
 - (a) If an audited licensee fails to provide the Board with acceptable documentation of the credits attested to on his/her renewal application, the license will not be renewed. The licensee may obtain the required continuing education credits within ~~six months~~ thirty one (31) days; however, the license will not be renewed until the requirements have been met and approved by the Board. Failure to satisfy the continuing education requirement shall result in revocation of the license by operation of law.
 - (b) If, following the audit, the Board disqualifies any of the documented continuing education credits such that the licensee does not meet the continuing education requirements set out above, the license will not be renewed until the requirements have been met and approved by the Board. The licensee must obtain the required continuing education credits before the end of the late

renewal period (~~June 30th~~ January 31st of every odd numbered year following the even numbered year renewal/expiration date) or the license shall be revoked by operation of law.

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