

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS  
TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
CHAPTER 671-3 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE  
FOLLOWING RULES**

- 1) Rule 671-3-.03. Examination**
- 2) Rule 671-3-.04. Passing Score**
- 3) Rule 671-3-.07. Board Action on Applications**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule Chapter 671-3, (hereinafter “proposed rule amendment”).

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments 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/36>, or by contacting the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **12:30 p.m.** on **May 29, 2020**, via teleconference number (312) 584-2401 in order 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 **May 22, 2020**. Written comments should be addressed to La Trena Tyler-Jones, Director, Office of Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Occupational Therapy, 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 **12:30 p.m. on May 29, 2020** 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 amendment to Chapter 671-3 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a), (d), (e), (g), (j), and

(l), 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-28-6(a) through (e) 43-28-7, 43-28-9(a) and (b), 43-28-10(a), (b), and (c), 43-28-11, 43-28-12(a), (b), and (c), and 43-28-14(a), (b), and (c).

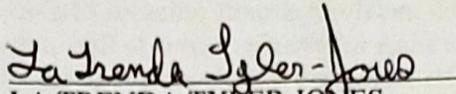
At its meeting on March 31, 2020, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rules do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee; and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-21 and 43-50-41.

Additionally, at its meeting on March 31, 2020, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-21 and 43-50-41 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 occupational therapy.

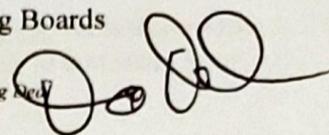
For further information, contact the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

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 21st day of April 2020.

  
LA TRENDA TYLER JONES  
Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards

*With express permission by Doug [unclear]*  
Deputy Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards



Posted:

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE CHAPTER 671-3, EXAMINATION,  
RULE 671-3-.03.**

**Purpose/Main Features:** The purpose of the rule is to carry out the mandate of the Georgia Occupational Therapy Practice Act that went into effect in July 2019. The rule revision further clarifies that the Board recognizes the examination administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as the licensing examination that is approved by the Board.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED  
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THERAPY RULE CHAPTER 671-3, EXAMINATION, RULE 671-3-.03.**

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

**Rule 671-3-.03. Examination**

All applicants for licensure as occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants are required to pass ~~a written examination~~the nationally recognized examination administered by National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT), approved by the Board, for license to practice the profession in Georgia, except as otherwise provided in ~~Section 43-28-9 of the Law~~O.C.G.A. § 43-28-11.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
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RULE 671-3-.04.**

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**Rule 671-3-.04. Passing Score**

Passing score of the examination will be determined by the [National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy \(NBCOT\)](#)~~Board Prior to administration of the examination.~~

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RULE CHAPTER 671-3, BOARD ACTION ON  
APPLICATIONS, RULE 671-3-.07.**

**Purpose/Main Features:** The purpose of the rule is to carry out the mandate of the Georgia Occupational Therapy Practice Act that went into effect in July 2019. The rule revision eliminates the paragraph which states that the Board reviews the application for examination and notifies the applicant if they are qualified to take the examination. The National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) completes the review of an applicant's qualifications, to take the examination. The remaining amendments change the term "license" to "licensure" and clarifies that the exam score requirement will be reviewed if it is applicable as the statute does allow for the Board to waive the examination under certain circumstances.

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**Rule 671-3-.07. Board Action on Applications**

- (1) ~~Applications for examination shall be acted upon by the Board at its next regularly scheduled general meeting or, at the discretion of the Board, may be acted on by phone following the receipt of the required fees and all credentials. Applicants qualifying for the examination will be notified.~~
- (2) Applications for licensure shall be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled general meeting of the Board after all requirements for licensure have been met and the examination scores, if applicable, have been received by the Board.