

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS
CHAPTER 157-4 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4-.01
LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, 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 Licensed Dietitians (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians Chapter 157-4 Licensure Without Examination, Rule 157-4-.01 Licensure Without Examination (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 provided to all persons who have requested that they be placed on a notification 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 Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians website at www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/diet or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **10:15 a.m. on Friday December 1, 2017**, 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 **Monday, November 27, 2017**. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its conference call meeting scheduled to begin at **10:15 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017** 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 Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments 157-4-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-11A-8.

At its conference call meeting Monday, June 19, 2017, 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. § 43-11A-8.

Additionally, at its conference call meeting Monday, June 19, 2017, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-11A-8 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 Dietetics.

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 31 day of October, 2017



Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: October 31, 2017

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 157-4
LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4.01 LICENSURE
WITHOUT EXAMINATION**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to combine the current two sections of the rule for clarification; identify two methods by which an applicant may obtain a license without taking an examination and the qualifications for each method in one rule.

Main Feature: The main feature of the proposed amendment is to combine language in current rule section 157-4-.02 into one main, clear and easily understood rule regarding applicants for Georgia licensure who are licensed in other states, or certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration. The two methods are: (1) by submitting proof of a valid license from a licensing authority that has requirements that meet or exceed Georgia's; or (2) by submitting proof that the applicant is registered as a dietitian with the Commission on Dietetic Registration.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED
DIETITIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 157-4 LICENSURE WITHOUT
EXAMINATION, RULE 157-4.01 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION**

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

Rule 157-4-.01. Licensure without Examination and Licensure by Registration

(1) ~~An applicant for licensure without examination may apply by registration by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).~~ The Board may grant a license without examination to a person who submits:

(a) Verification of a valid license as a licensed dietitian issued by another state, political territory, or jurisdiction where the requirements for that license are substantially equal to or greater than the requirements for licensure in Georgia;

(b) A completed application, fee and all supporting documents; and,

(c) A Secure and Verifiable document and an Affidavit of Citizenship, as defined in Code Section O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-1 and 50-36-2.

(d) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials as it may deem necessary.

(2) ~~To be eligible for licensure without examination, the applicant must have successfully passed the CDR examination.~~ The Board may grant a license without examination to a person who submits:

(a) Evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is currently registered as a Registered Dietitian (RD) with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the

credentialing agency for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) or its successor organization;

(b) A completed application, fee and all supporting documents; and,

(c) A Secure and Verifiable document and an Affidavit of Citizenship, as defined in Code Section O.C.G.A. §§ 50-36-1 and 50-36-2.

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Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-11A-7 and 43-11A-8

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(2) The Board may grant a license without examination to a person who submits:

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