

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIANS  
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 157-5 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL  
EDUCATION, RULE 157-5-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 157-5-.01 Requirements and Definitions

**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 157-5-.01 Requirements and Definitions (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also 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. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-examiners-licensed-dietitians>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at **9:20 a.m. Friday June 16, 2023** in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via teleconference. Please see the Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than the close of business on **June 9, 2023**. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be e-mailed to [ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov](mailto:ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.ga.gov).

During 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 will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.


The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on June 17, 2022. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7(2) and 43-11A-14(d). Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7(2) and 43-11A-14(d) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(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.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 157-5-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7(2) and 43-11A-14(d).

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 15th day of May, 2023.

  
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Gabriel Sterling  
Interim Division Director  
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: May 16, 2023

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE  
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED DIETITIAN'S RULES,  
RULE 157-5-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed adoption is to clarify and define the time frame for the obtainment of the continuing education hours required for renewal of a license.

**Rule 157-5-.01 Requirements and Definitions**

- (1) Thirty (30) units of continuing professional education completed during each biennium is required for renewal except as otherwise provided in this chapter. See Rule 157-2-.04.
- (2) The thirty (30) units of continuing professional education are required to be obtained within the two (2) year biennial licensure cycle to renew a license. ~~and must be completed prior to the submission of the application for renewal March 31<sup>st</sup> expiration date in even years.~~ The biennial licensure cycle is the two (2) year period beginning April 1st of each even numbered year and ending on March 31st of every subsequent even numbered year.
- (3) Anyone initially licensed on or after April 1st of an odd numbered year, through March 31st of the following even numbered year, the second year of the biennium, is not required to meet continuing professional education requirements for that biennium.
- (4) Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEUs) as used herein means one contact hour of an activity shall equal one CPEU unless specifically stated otherwise.
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  - (a) Consist of education beyond that required for entry into the profession; \_
  - (b) Update, enhance or assess knowledge and skills required for competent performance; \_
  - (c) Dietetics-related; \_
  - (d) Provide learning outcomes that apply to practice.

**Authority: O.C.G.A. 43-1-25, 43-11A-7(2) and 43-11A-14(d)**

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