

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY
ADMINISTRATORS
CHAPTER 393-9 RECIPROCITY, RULE 393-9-.02 QUALIFICATIONS OF
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR APPLICANTS BY RECIPROCITY
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 393-9-.02 QUALIFICATIONS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR
APPLICANTS BY RECIPROCITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 393-9-.02 (herein after “proposed rules”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rules, and a synopsis of the proposed rules 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 rules, and a synopsis of the proposed rules 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/board-long-term-care-facility-administrators>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (844) 753-7825.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rules amendment at a public hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m., October 10, 2024 in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. 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 close of business on October 2, 2024. Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Brad Coman, Executive Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. Written comments may be faxed to (866) 888-9718.

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.

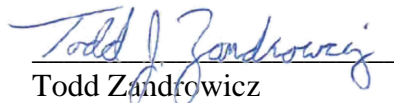
The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on July 11, 2024. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rules amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, 43-27-7 and 50-36-1. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, 43-27-7 and 50-36-1 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 Long-Term Care Facility Administration.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Long-Term Care Facility Administrators has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 393-9-.02 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, 43-27-7 and 50-36-1.

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 9th day of August, 2024.



Todd Zandrowicz
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: 08/09/2024

**SYNOPSIS TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO
RULE 393-9-.02 QUALIFICATIONS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR
APPLICANTS BY RECIPROCIDTY**

Purpose/Main Feature: This proposed amendment aims to clarify that for applications for licensure by reciprocity/endorsement the applicant must have been licensed in a state who maintains a system and standard of qualifications and examinations which are substantially equivalent to those required in this state, but the Board will also consider the applicant's experience, education, and/or training along with the initial licensure requirements to determine the applicant's eligibility for licensure by reciprocity/endorsement in this state. The Board has considered multiple variations of these proposed rule and has determined this to be the most succinct wording while adhering to requirements in the statute.

Chapter 393-9 RECIPROCIDTY

Rule 393-9-.02 Qualifications of Nursing Home Administrator Applicants by Reciprocity

- (1) Licensure in Georgia by Reciprocity may be granted to a Nursing Home Administrator who is at least 21 years of age, of reputable and responsible character, and a citizen of the United States or a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Naturalization Act, and be lawfully present in the United States, and must satisfy the following requirements:
 - (a) Applicants must submit to the Board an Application by Reciprocity, the fee, Affidavit of Applicant and shall cause verification of a current, unencumbered, nursing home administrator's license be sent directly to the Georgia Board. In addition, include a verification of licensure from every other state or jurisdiction in which the licensee has ever held a license, whether active or not.
 - (b) Applicants must have taken and passed the Nursing Home Administration national examination administered by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) or a board recognized predecessor examination.
 - (c) ~~Applicants for licensure by reciprocity must meet all licensure requirements that are substantially equivalent to those required in this state.~~ Applicants for licensure by reciprocity must submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that such other state maintains a system and standard of qualifications and examinations for a personal care home administrator license, an assisted living community administrator license, or a nursing home administrator license which are substantially equivalent to those required in this state. As part of their review, the Board may consider experience, education, and/or training to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure.
- (2) The Board may in its discretion deny licensure to an applicant who has had disciplinary action taken against him or her by any licensing authority or professional

organization, or whose record reflects any other matter that puts in question his or her competency to be a Nursing Home Administrator.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-27-4, 43-27-5, 43-27-6, 43-27-7 and 50-36-1.

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