

# Georgia Composite Medical Board

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND AND/OR ADOPT RULES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules by amending **Rule 360-13-.04 "Reciprocity."** An exact copy of the proposed rule is attached to this Notice.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rules and a synopsis of the proposed amendments may be reviewed between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official state holidays, at 2 MLK Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. These documents can also be reviewed online at <https://medicalboard.georgia.gov/board/notice-intent-amendadopt-rules>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m. on August 3, 2023, at the GCMB Board Room (2 MLK Jr. Drive, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334)** to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rules. At the public hearing, any interested person may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument orally or in writing. Lengthy statements and 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 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. To ensure their consideration, submit all written comments by **August 1, 2023, to [Kierra.Battle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:Kierra.Battle@dch.ga.gov)** or via mail to the Georgia Composite Medical Board Rules Committee at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.

The Board voted to adopt this Notice of Intent on **June 29, 2023**. Upon conclusion of the public hearing on **August 3, 2023**, the Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments imposes excessive regulatory costs on any license or entity, and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendments could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that accomplishes the objectives of the statutes which are the basis of the proposed rule. Additionally, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D).

This Notice is adopted and posted in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act. A synopsis of the proposed rules and an economic impact statement are attached to this Notice. The authority for promulgation of these rules is O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-34-5, 43-34-103, and 43-34-108.

Issued this day June 29, 2022.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT AND SYNOPSIS FOR  
RULE CHAPTER 360-13  
Respiratory Care Professionals, Technicians and Therapists

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

The attached rules are promulgated under the authority of the Medical Practice Act, Title 43, Chapter 34. The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses and regulates nine professions. The formulation and adoption of these rules do 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 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Additionally, it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D).

**RULE SYNOPSIS:**

**Rule 360-13-.04 “Reciprocity”**

**Purpose/Main Features:** The purpose of the proposed amendment is to eliminate the requirement for notarization of the verification of having the requisite continuing education hours, which provides for administrative efficiency. The proposed rule also eliminates the language in the former rule that an applicant who applies for reciprocity must be licensed in a state whose requirements for such to practice are substantially equal to or exceed the requirements for certification in this state.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-34-143, 43-34-148

## Rule 360-13-.04 Reciprocity

- (1) Any person who has been granted certification, registration, licensure or other to practice respiratory care in another state ~~whose requirements for such to practice are substantially equal to or exceed the requirements for certification in this state~~ may petition the Board for reciprocity in Georgia~~this State~~.
- (2) Verification by oath of certification, registration, licensure or other to practice respiratory care must be submitted directly to the Board from the appropriate state attesting to the fact that the applicant seeking certification by reciprocity is currently certified, licensed or otherwise authorized to practice respiratory care in that state.
- (3) Any applicant for certification by reciprocity must submit a verification of completion of continuing education requirements as provided in Rule 360-13-.10~~notarized statement of reference from a physician, currently licensed in the state where the applicant has been practicing attesting to the fact that the applicant is qualified to practice respiratory care.~~
- (4) Reciprocity applicants who have not been practicing respiratory care in another state for a period of 12 months or more shall be required to provide verification of completion of continuing education requirements as provided in Rule 360-13-.10 for each biennial period that the applicant was not practicing. However, the maximum number of contact hours required may not exceed 60~~establish to the Board's satisfaction that the applicant maintained current knowledge, skill and proficiency in the practice of respiratory care.~~

**Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-4, 43-1-7, 43-1-25, 43-34-24, 43-34-143, 43-34-145, 43-34-147.1, 43-34-147.2**