



**Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division
of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
for Various Non-boarded Programs**

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

December 2024

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will these regulations do?

Acupuncture:

- **12 AAC 05.100. Application requirements:** These changes will remove the requirement for an applicant to receive two letters of reference attesting to the applicant's good moral character, and will replace this with the applicant attesting that they have not committed actions nor are under investigation for actions that could be grounds for disciplinary sanctions.

Dispensing Opticians:

- **12 AAC 30.900. Verifications:** This is proposed to be repealed to remove the requirement for verifications to be certified or notarized. This is unnecessary when a verification is coming directly from the source to the department.

Naturopaths:

- **12 AAC 42.040. License renewal:** This change will change the renewal date from March 31 of even-numbered years to a date set by the division. This will allow for extensions of renewal periods or changes to the renewal date without an additional regulation project being required. Changes to renewal dates are expected to occur only in times of dire need.
- **12 AAC 42.050. Reinstatement of a lapsed license:** This change will remove the requirement of the payment of a penalty fee for lapsed licenses.

Nursing Home Administrators:

- **12 AAC 46.010. Eligibility for a nursing home administrator license:** This change will update the education requirements from a baccalaureate to an associate degree. This will also add an additional way to meet the experience and training requirements for initial licensure. The new addition is having an active Health Care Services Executive credential issued by the National Associate of Long Term Care Administrator Boards.

- **12 AAC 46.020. Application for initial license:** This change will remove the requirement for documents to be submitted 45-days prior to approval to take an examination. The examination is now scheduled online through NAB, so there are no specific dates to schedule. An additional change will remove the requirement for proof of exam scores if applying via credentials, as this is duplicative information and is not needed.
- **12 AAC 46.041. Nursing home administrator-in-training program:** This change will update the material adopted by reference to the [National Administrator Residency/AIT Program Manual](#) that was updated in 2021, and will further clarify that AIT programs must consist of at least 1,000 hours of training and education. The current language is vague and states that they must be a minimum of six months in duration. An additional change will add regulations so that applicants may qualify to apply if they have started an AIT program without prior approval by the department.
- **12 AAC 46.051. Administrator-in-training preceptor requirements:** This change will update the material adopted by reference, as noted in the previous section.

Mortuary Science:

- **12 AAC 50.100. Qualifications for sponsors for apprenticeship trainees:** This change is to clarify language in regulation. Currently, the regulation states that evidence must be provided of being able to provide a work environment that will provide the trainee with the skills and proficiency required to be licensed as an embalmer or a funeral director. The change clarifies that an attestation must be received, rather than ‘evidence’.

Pawnbrokers:

- **12 AAC 76.200. Pawnbroker license renewal:** This change will change the renewal date from December 31 of odd-numbered years to a date set by the department. This will allow for extensions of renewal periods or changes to the renewal date without an additional regulation project being required. Changes to renewal dates are expected to occur only in times of dire need.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There are no known costs to implement these changes.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Department for consideration. The Department may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Department action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

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