

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 610 Department or Agency Alabama Board of Nursing
Rule No. 610-X-3-.05
Rule Title Outcome Standards
 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer *Kennell*

Date 4/20/2012

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ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Nursing

RULE NO. & TITLE: Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards

INTENDED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend the regulations related to outcome standards to specify calculation for NCLEX® results.

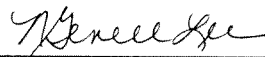
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to amend Administrative Code, Rule 610-X-3-.05, Outcome Standards. A copy of the proposed amended rule may be found on the Board's web site, www.abn.alabama.gov, under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The proposed changes specify how the national licensure exam results will be calculated for each approved nursing education program.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Monday, June 4, 2012. Verbal or written comments should be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, June 4, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.



Executive Officer

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

RULE 610-X-3-.05

OUTCOME STANDARDS

Rule 610-X-3-.05 Outcome Standards

(1) Graduates shall demonstrate theoretical and clinical competence for entry into practice.

(2) Graduates, as a composite of first-time writers, shall achieve no less than an eighty percent (80%) pass rate on a board-selected national licensure exam. ~~The Board shall establish the reporting period.~~ Beginning with Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 (October 1, 2012), the Board shall calculate the program's pass rate with a three-year rolling average. The first three-year period ends at the end of Fiscal Year 2015 (September 30, 2015). The Board shall take the pass rate for FY 2013 through FY 2015 and average the pass rate. Subsequent to FY 2015, the Board shall drop the pass rate for the first of the three-year time period, add the subsequent first-time writers pass rate, and calculate the three-year average.

(3) Programs shall adhere to their written plan for the systematic evaluation of the total program that is comprehensive, demonstrates ongoing evaluation, is based on program outcomes and incorporates continuous improvement. The systematic evaluation plan shall include:

(a) Collection, aggregation, analysis and trending of data.

(b) Programmatic outcomes, levels of achievement, evaluative criteria, assignment of responsibility, frequency of assessment, methods of achievement, actions taken and quantitative data collected.

(c) Ongoing evaluation and revisions based on the evaluation.

(d) A mechanism for accountability for academic integrity.

(4) Programs shall maintain and produce at the Board's request, an articulation plan for program graduates.

Author: Alabama Board of Nursing

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §34-21-5

History: September 27, 1982. Amended May 6, 1985. Amended May 23, 1997.

Repealed and Replaced: Filed July 22, 2002. Effective August 26, 2002. **Amended:** Filed September 25, 2006. Effective October 31, 2006. **Amended:** Filed September 21, 2007. Effective October 26, 2007. **Amended:** Filed November 19, 2010. Effective December 24, 2010. Proposed amended rule filed April 20, 2012.