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FW: [External] Response to Request for Technical Changes - 21 NCAC 32N .0107

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Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 4:27 PM

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Good afternoon,

Paragraph (a) requires the same notices as G.S. 90-14(i). Accordingly, it is unnecessary pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.9(a)(3).

Lines 15-17: Under G.S. 90-16(e1), the Board is granted discretion regarding when it "may" provide a patient with a licensee's written response to a complaint. However, this discretion must be exercised according to defined standards, not arbitrarily. The Board is therefore required to specify, by rule, the circumstances in which it will provide such responses.

According to the rule, the Board "shall" provide the responses unless one of two exceptions applies. The rule outlines these two exceptions, but one is unclear and ambiguous. Specifically, the Board reserves the right to withhold the response if it determines there has been a "misuse" of the process; however, the rule does not define what constitutes "misuse." It appears the Board may intend this to cover situations involving vexatious or frivolous complaints, but this is not made explicit.

Line 22: Change "may" to "shall" or state the criteria which the Board will use in exercising its discretion.

Please reply by May 16, 2025.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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Understood, and thanks Bill.

Marcus

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Whatever those answers are, they probably need to be in the rule in some manner.

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Bill,

Hi. I'll try to get those answers to you soon.

Thanks,

Marcus

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: 21 NCAC 32B .1361

Good morning,

In Paragraph (b) an applicant is required to fill out an application (1) and provide the listed items (2)-(13).

What information does an applicant need to provide on the application (1) to the Board to satisfy?

Bill

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Hey Bill,

On page 1, line 11 the substantive requirements of the application are listed in subsections 2 -13. How would you suggest we reword this, otherwise I'm not really following?

Page 1, line 27. That's an oversight. I'll ask Leigh Anne to correct and resubmit.

Page 2, line 1. Again, I'm not sure what this means. The fingerprint cards are the fingerprint cards. Again, I'm not following. However, I'm happy to change if you believe it should be rewritten.

Thanks again, and we will certainly get Page 1, line 27 fixed.

Marcus

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Subject: 21 NCAC 32B .1361

Good morning:

Page 1, Line 1: An online application is a form, the substantive requirements of which need to be set forth in the rule. Whether the form is paper or electronic is immaterial. See G.S. 150B-2(8a)d.

Page 1, Line 27: In your response you stated that "good standing" was being removed but it was not. What is your intention?

Page 2, Line 1: While this language is not objectionable as written, it does not accurately represent what the Board is requiring according to the response to the RFC.

Please reply by 5/16.

Thank you.

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Subject: [External] Response to Request for Technical Changes - 21 NCAC 32N .0107; 21 NCAC

32B .1361; 21 NCAC 32S .0226

Attachments: RRC Submission - 21 NCAC 32N .0107.pdf; 21 NCAC 32N .0107.docx; RRC Submission -

21 NCAC 32S .0226.pdf; 21 NCAC 32B .1361.docx; 21 NCAC 32S .0226.docx; RRC Submission - 21 NCAC 32B .1361.pdf; 05.2025 - Medical Board RFC - Response.docx

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Attached is the NC Medical Board's response to the request for technical changes for 21 NCAC 32N .0107; 21 NCAC 32B .1361; and 21 NCAC 32S .0226.

Thank you.

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Request for Changes Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.10

Staff reviewed these Rules to ensure that each Rule is within the agency's statutory authority, reasonably necessary, clear and unambiguous, and adopted in accordance with Part 2 of the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act. Following review, staff has issued this document that may request changes pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.10 from your agency or ask clarifying questions.

Questions contained herein suggest that the rule as written is unclear or there is some ambiguity. If this document includes questions and you do not understand the question, please contact the reviewing attorney to discuss. Failure to respond may result in a staff opinion recommending objection.

Staff may suggest the agency "consider" an idea or language in this document. This is in no way a formal request that the agency adopt the idea or language but rather is offered merely for the agency's consideration which the agency may find preferable and clarifying.

To properly submit rewritten rules, please refer to the following Rules in the NC Administrative Code:

- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0108 The Rule addresses general formatting.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0404 The Rule addresses changing the introductory statement.
- Rule 26 NCAC 02C .0405 The Rule addresses properly formatting changes made after publication in the NC Register.

Note the following general instructions:

- 1. You must submit the revised rule via email to oah.nc.gov and copy RRC Counsel. The electronic copy must be saved as the official rule name (XX NCAC XXXX).
- 2. For rules longer than one page, insert a page number.
- 3. Use line numbers; if the rule spans more than one page, have the line numbers reset at one for each page.
- 4. Do not use track changes. Make all changes using manual strikethroughs, underlines and highlighting.
- 5. You cannot change just one part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "aAssociation"
 - Right: "association Association"
- 6. Treat punctuation as part of a word. For example:
 - Wrong: "day; and"
 - Right: "day, day; and"
- 7. Formatting instructions and examples may be found at: www.ncoah.com/rules/examples.html

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REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 32N .0107

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: May 9, 2025

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> This request may extend to several pages. Please be sure you have reached the end of the document.

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may email the reviewing attorney to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

The Form 0400 submitted with the rule misstates the Notice of Text date of publication. Please resubmit it with corrections. Corrected.

Lines 4-6: G.S. 90-14(e1) requires that certain notices be sent to the licensee "at least five days prior to the informal nonpublic precharge conference." This rule appears to require the notices be sent contemporaneously with the first contact from the Board, Et. al. Then the Board creates an exception for Paragraph (e). However, Paragraph (e) does not appear to address the timing of any notice. Paragraph (e) addresses the licensees' right to counsel notice of which is already addressed G.S. 90-1(e1). It is unclear what the Board's intentions are. Is the Board requiring all notices required by G.S. 90-14(e1) be provided at the time for the first contact with the licensee except for the notice of counsel which would then only require five days prior to the informal nonpublic precharge conference?

Refer to email exchange between counsel for Medical Board and counsel for RRC on May 6-7, 2025 for additional clarification and explanation regarding this request.

Line 10 and 21: Define "complete" information? Complete in this context means the licensee provides all relevant information to fully explain the issues and allegations raised in the complaint in his or her initial response to the Board. Should a licensee provide information at a later date that he knew or should have known existed at the time when he filed his or her initial response, or when he or she submitted to an interview, then he or she may be considered to have failed to provide complete information. The Board's intent is to obtain all relevant information in a timely manner and not in a piecemeal fashion.

Line 15: Is there a definition or rule that addresses "misuse"? There is no definition in the rules. Here, misuse means to use the Board's complaint process for an improper purpose.

Line 29: G.S. 90-14(a) does not have an (i) or (l). Corrected, and changed.

Please retype the	rule accordingly an	d resubmit it to	our office	at 1711 New	Hope	Church
Road, Raleigh, Nor	rth Carolina 27609					

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 32B .1361

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: May 9, 2025

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

Generally, to the rule: The Board would benefit globally from a definitions rule defining "good standing." Consider that for future submissions. Thank you. Will so advise the Board.

The Form 0400 submitted with the rule misstates the Notice of Text date of publication. Please resubmit it with corrections. Corrected.

Page 1, Line 11 and Page 2, Line 16: Does the Board have an application form, electronic or physical? The application is an electronic online application. The word "online" has been added before the word "application" in only the first instance, as the second wasn't necessarily due to lines 15-20 being removed.

Page 1, Line 18: Change "must" to "shall." Changed.

Page 1, Line 27: Define "good standing." The term is defined later in the language following "good standing," i.e., no discipline in the last five years and no pending investigations by any licensing board. Given that the term is later defined, we have chosen to delete "good standing."

Page 2, Line 1: Will any fingerprint "record" do? No. The fingerprint cards are specific to the requirements of the State Bureau of Investigation who performs the background checks.

Page 2, Lines 7-13: Is all of this not covered in G.S. 90-12.02? Why is this paragraph necessary? Paragraph has been removed.

Page 2, Line 14: Is this not covered in G.S. 90-12.02? Why is this paragraph necessary? Line has been removed.

Page 2, Lines 15-20: Is all of this not covered in G.S. 90-12.02? Why is this paragraph necessary? Paragraph has been removed.

Page 2, Line 21: Change "must" to "shall." Changed.

Page 2, Line 24: Add the Board's general rulemaking authority. Added.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES PURSUANT TO G.S. 150B-21.10

AGENCY: N.C. Medical Board

RULE CITATION: 21 NCAC 32S .0226

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: May 9, 2025

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In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following changes be made:

The Form 0400 submitted with the rule misstates the Notice of Text date of publication. Please resubmit it with corrections. Corrected.

Please see the request for changes to 21 NCAC 32B .1361 and make changes accordingly. Changes made accordingly.

Page 2, Line 18: A rule cannot provide authority to an agency. Only the General Assembly can provide authority. Rule removed from the History Note.

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

SUBMISSION FOR PERMANENT RULE

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4. Rule exempt from RRC review?	5. Rule automatically subject to legislative review?			
Yes. Cite authority:	☐ Yes. Cite authority: ☐ No			
6. Notice for Proposed Rule:				
 Notice Required Notice of Text published on: Link to Agency notice: Hearing on: The requirements listed in G.S. 150B-19.1(c)(1)-(5) we date of the notice of text in the N.C. Register. Adoption by Agency on: Notice not required under G.S.: Adoption by Agency on: 	re posted on the agency's Web site no later than the publication			
7. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)	8. Fiscal impact. Check all that apply.			
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E-Mail:	By signing, I have verified that the information contained on this			
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Additional agency contact, if any:				
Phone: E-Mail:	*If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.			
	Typed Name:			
Title: RRC AND OAH USE ONLY				
Action taken:	VOAH OOE UNET			
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I	21 NCAC 32B .1361	is adopted with changes as published in 39:12 NCR 768-769 as follows:
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3		SECTION .1300 - GENERAL
4		
5	21 NCAC 32B .1361	MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSE FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICEMEMBERS
6	AND SPOUSES	
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8	(a) A physician who	meets the qualifications listed in this Rule and G.S. § 90-12.02 may apply for a military relocation
9	license for physician	servicemembers and spouses.
10	(b) An applicant for	a military relocation license for physician servicemembers and spouses shall:
11	(1)	complete the Board's online application attesting under oath or affirmation that the information
12		on the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all
13		information pertaining to the application;
14	(2)	submit documentation of a legal name change, if applicable;
15	(3)	submit a photograph of the applicant that was taken in the last two years;
16	(4)	supply a certified copy of applicant's birth certificate if the applicant was born in the U.S. or
17		certified copy of a valid and unexpired U.S. passport. If the applicant does not possess proof of
18		U.S. citizenship, the applicant must shall provide information about applicant's immigration
19		status that the Board will use to verify applicant's eligibility for this license;
20	(5)	provide proof that applicant is a servicemember of the United States Armed Forces or a spouse
21		of a servicemember of the United States Armed Forces;
22	(6)	provide a copy of military orders that indicates that the applicant is residing in this State
23		pursuant to such military orders for military service relating to applicant or applicant's spouse;
24	(7)	provide proof that the applicant holds a current license in another jurisdiction that has licensing
25		requirements that are substantially equivalent or otherwise exceed the requirements for
26		licensure in this State;
27	(8)	provide proof that the applicant is in good standing in the jurisdiction of licensure, has not been
28		disciplined in the last five years by any occupational licensing board, and has no pending
29		investigations by any occupational licensing board;
30	(9)	provide proof that the applicant has actively practiced medicine an average of 20 hours per
31		week during the 2 years immediately preceding relocation to this State;
32	(10)	if the applicant is a graduate of a medical school other than those approved by LCME, AOA,
33		COCA, or CACMS, the applicant shall furnish an original ECFMG certification status report
34		of a currently valid certification of the ECFMG. The ECFMG certification status report
35		requirement shall be waived if the applicant has passed the ECFMG examination and
36		successfully completed an approved Fifth Pathway program (original ECFMG score transcript
37		from the ECFMG required);

1	(11)	submit two completed fingerprint record cards to the Board;
2	(12)	submit a signed consent form allowing a search of local, state and national files to disclose any
3		criminal record;
4	(13)	pay to the Board a non-refundable fee pursuant to G.S. 90-13.1(a), plus the cost of a criminal
5		background check; and upon request, supply any additional information the Board deems
6		necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.
7	(c) A military reloc	ation license shall remain active for the duration of the military orders for military service in this
8	State and upon which	ch the application was submitted. A military relocation license shall become inactive at the time
9	the license holder re	locates pursuant to military orders to reside in another state, when the military orders for military
10	service in this State	expire, or when the applicable servicemember separates from military service. All licensees with
11	military relocation l	icenses shall notify the Board within 15 days of the issuance of new military orders requiring
12	relocation to anothe	r state, within 15 days of the expiration of military orders, or within 15 days of separation from
13	military service.	
14	(d) The Board shall	retain jurisdiction over the holder of an inactive military relocation license.
15	(e) A military reloc	ation license may be converted to a full North Carolina license by applying for a full license with
16	the Board via a sep	arate application. The Board shall waive the application fee for a full license application if the
17	application is submi	tted within one year of the issuance of the military relocation license. If an application is made to
18	convert a military i	relocation license to a full license when the military relocation license is active, the military
19	relocation license si	hall remain active during the full license application process and until the Board has made of
20	licensing decision o	n the full license application.
21	(f) (c) When possib	le, all reports and Orders must shall be submitted directly to the Board from the primary source.
22	(g) (d) All informat	ion required by this Rule shall be provided within one year of submitting the application.
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24	History Note: Au	thority <u>G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3);</u> G.S. 90-12.02; G.S. 90-13.1;
25	Ef	f. April 1, 2025.
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21 NCAC 32N .0107 is amended with changes as published in 39:12 NCR 769 as follows:

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21 NCAC 32N .0107 INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

- 4 (a) At the time of first oral or written communication from the Board or staff or agent of the Board to a licensee
- 5 regarding a complaint or investigation, the Board shall provide the notices set forth in [G.S. 90 14(i), except as
- 6 provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule. G.S. 90-14(i).
- 7 (b) A licensee shall submit a written response to a complaint received by the Board within 45 days from the date of a
- 8 written request by Board staff. The Board shall grant up to an additional 30 days for the response where the licensee
- 9 demonstrates good cause as defined in Rule 21 NCAC 32N .0106 for the extension of time. The response shall contain
- 10 accurate and complete information. Where a licensee fails to respond in the time and manner provided herein, the
- Board may treat that as a failure to respond to a Board inquiry in a reasonable time and manner as required by G.S.
- 12 90-14(a)(14).
- 13 (c) The licensee's written response to a complaint submitted to the Board in accordance with Paragraph (b) of this
- Rule shall be provided to the complainant upon written request by the complainant as permitted in G.S. 90-16(e1),
- 15 except that the response shall not be provided where the Board determines that the complainant has misused the
- Board's complaint process or that the release of the response would be harmful to the physical or mental health of the
- 17 complainant who was a patient of the responding licensee.
- 18 (d) A licensee shall submit to an interview within 30 days from the date of an oral or written request from Board staff.
- 19 The Board may grant up to an additional 15 days for the interview where the licensee demonstrates good cause for the
- 20 extension of time. The responses to the questions and requests for information, including documents, during the
- 21 interview shall be complete and accurate. Where the licensee fails to respond in the time and manner provided herein,
- the Board may treat that as a failure to respond to a Board inquiry in a reasonable time and manner as required by G.S.
- 23 90-14(a)(14).
- 24 (e) The licensee who is the subject of a Board inquiry may retain and consult with legal counsel of his or her choosing
- in responding to the inquiries as set out in G.S. 90-14(i).
- 26 (f) For purposes of G.S. 90-14(l) an investigation is complete when the Board's Chief Investigative Officer, or his or
- 27 her designee, approves an investigative report for submission to the Board's Disciplinary Committee.

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- 29 History Note: Authority G.S. 90-5.1(a)(3); 90-14(a)(14); 90-14(i); [90-14(a)(i) and (l);] <u>90-14(a)</u>; 90-16(e1);
- 30 *Eff. February 1, 2012;*
- Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 1,
- 32 2016. <u>2016.</u>
- 33 *Amended Eff. April 1, 2025.*

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SUBMISSION FOR PERMANENT RULE

1. Rule-Making Agency:				
2. Rule citation & name (name not required for repeal):				
3. Action: ADOPTION AMENDMENT REPEAL	READOPTION REPEAL through READOPTION			
4. Rule exempt from RRC review?	5. Rule automatically subject to legislative review?			
Yes. Cite authority:	☐ Yes. Cite authority: ☐ No			
6. Notice for Proposed Rule:				
 Notice Required Notice of Text published on: Link to Agency notice: Hearing on: The requirements listed in G.S. 150B-19.1(c)(1)-(5) we date of the notice of text in the N.C. Register. Adoption by Agency on: Notice not required under G.S.: Adoption by Agency on: 	re posted on the agency's Web site no later than the publication			
7. Rule establishes or increases a fee? (See G.S. 12-3.1)	8. Fiscal impact. Check all that apply.			
 ☐ Yes Agency submitted request for consultation on: Consultation not required. Cite authority: ☐ No 	 ☐ This Rule was part of a combined analysis. ☐ State funds affected ☐ Local funds affected ☐ Substantial economic impact (≥\$1,000,000) ☐ Approved by OSBM ☐ No fiscal note required 			
9. REAS	ON FOR ACTION			
9A. What prompted this action? Check all that apply: Agency Court order / cite: Federal statute / cite: Federal regulation / cite: 9B. Explain:	 □ Legislation enacted by the General Assembly Cite Session Law: Petition for rule-making Other: 			
10. Rulemaking Coordinator:	11. Signature of Agency Head* or Rule-making Coordinator:			
Phone:	Jeigh Amne Satteruhte			
E-Mail:	By signing, I have verified that the information contained on this			
	form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.			
Additional agency contact, if any:	·			
Phone: E-Mail:	*If this function has been delegated (reassigned) pursuant to G.S. 143B-10(a), submit a copy of the delegation with this form.			
	Typed Name:			
Title: RRC AND OAH USE ONLY				
Action taken:	VOAH OOE UNET			
RRC extended period of review: RRC determined substantial changes: Withdrawn by agency Subject to Legislative Review Other:				

1	21 NCAC 328 .0226	is adopted with chai	nges as published in	39:12 NCK /	/U as 101	lows	
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3		SECTION .0200	– PHYSICIAN A	SSISTANT R	EGISTI	RATION	
4							
5	21 NCAC 32S .0226	MILITARY	RELOCATION	LICENSE	FOR	PHYSICIAN	ASSISTANT
6	SERVICEMEMBEI	RS AND SPOUSES	5				
7	(a) A physician assist	tant who meets the q	qualifications listed i	n this Rule and	d G.S. § 9	90-12.02 may ap	ply for a military
8	relocation license for	physician assistant	servicemembers and	l spouses.			
9	(b) An applicant for	a military relocation	license for physicia	n assistant ser	vicemen	nbers and spouse	s shall:
10	(1)	complete the Board	d's <u>online</u> application	n attesting und	er oath o	r affirmation tha	t the information
11		on the application	is true and comp	lete, and auth	orizing	the release to t	he Board of all
12		information pertain	ning to the application	on;			
13	(2)	submit documentat	tion of a legal name	change, if app	licable;		
14	(3)	submit a photograp	oh of the applicant th	nat was taken i	n the las	t two years;	
15	(4)	supply a certified of	copy of applicant's b	irth certificate	if the ap	pplicant was born	n in the U.S. or a
16		certified copy of a	valid and unexpired	U.S. passport.	. If the ap	plicant does not	possess proof of
17		U.S. citizenship, th	he applicant must <u>s</u>	hall provide ir	nformatio	on about applica	nt's immigration
18		status that the Boar	rd will use to verify	applicant's elig	gibility f	or this license;	
19	(5)	provide proof that	applicant is a servic	emember of th	e United	States Armed Fo	orces or a spouse
20		of a servicemembe	r of the United State	es Armed Forc	es;		
21	(6)	provide a copy of r	military orders that i	ndicates that the	he applic	ant is residing in	this State
22		pursuant to such m	ilitary orders for mi	litary service r	elating t	o applicant or ap	plicant's spouse;
23	(7)	provide proof that	the applicant holds a	current licens	se in anot	her jurisdiction t	hat has licensing
24		requirements that a	are substantially equ	ivalent or othe	rwise ex	ceed the requires	ments for
25		licensure in this Sta	ate;				
26	(8)	provide proof that	the applicant is in go	ood standing in	the juris	sdiction of licens	ure, has not been
27		disciplined in the la	ast five years by any	occupational	licensing	g board, and has	no pending
28		investigations by a	ny occupational lice	ensing board;			
29	(9)	provide proof that	the applicant has ac	tively practice	d medici	ne an average of	20 hours per
30		week during the 2	years immediately p	receding reloc	ation to	this State;	
31	(10)	submit two comple	eted fingerprint reco	rd cards to the	Board;		
32	(11)	submit a signed con	nsent form allowing	a search of lo	cal, state	and national file	s to disclose any
33		criminal record;					
34	(12)	pay to the Board a	non-refundable fee	as required by	21 NCA	.C 32S .0202, plu	is the cost of a
35		criminal backgroun	nd check;				
36	(13)	upon request, supp	ly any additional in	formation the l	Board de	ems necessary to	evaluate the
37		applicant's qualific	ations.				

- (c) A military relocation license shall remain active for the duration of the military orders for military service in this State and upon which the application was submitted. A military relocation license shall become inactive at the time the license holder relocates pursuant to military orders to reside in another state, when the military orders for military service in this State expire, or when the applicable servicemember separates from military service. All licensees with military relocation licenses shall notify the Board within 15 days of the issuance of new military orders requiring relocation to another state, within 15 days of the expiration of military orders, or within 15 days of separation from military service.
- 8 (d) The Board shall retain jurisdiction over the holder of an inactive military relocation license.

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- (e) A military relocation license may be converted to a full North Carolina license by applying for a full license with the Board via a separate application. The Board shall waive the application fee for a full license application if the application is submitted within one year of the issuance of the military relocation license. If an application is made to convert a military relocation license to a full license when the military relocation license is active, the military relocation license shall remain active during the full license application process and until the Board has made a licensing decision on the full license application.
- 15 (f) (c) When possible, all reports and Orders must shall be submitted directly to the Board from the primary source.
- 16 (g) (d) All information required by this Rule shall be provided within one year of submitting the application.

18 History Note: Authority G.S. <u>90-5.1(a)(3)</u>; 90-12.02; 21 NCAC 32S .0202(5);
 19 Eff. April 1, 2025.

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To: Marcus B. Jimison

Cc: Burgos, Alexander N; Ashley D. White; Leigh Anne Satterwhite

Subject: RE: [External] RE: 21 NCAC 32N .0107

Sounds good, thank you.

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Thanks, Bill. We will try to get the revisions and responses to you soon.

Thanks again,

Marcus

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Thank you for your response. I look forward seeing the revised rule.

While the Board may want to encourage representation as a policy, I'm not sure the Code is the best forum.

Bill

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Hey Bill,

Thanks for this response. I understand the comment now. I have provided responses to your questions and comments below.

Thanks again, and we will try to get you our full responses and technical changes to you soon.

Marcus

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Subject: 21 NCAC 32N .0107

Marcus,

Sorry for the confusion.

G.S. 90-14(i) sets forth the timing of certain notices ((i)-(vi)) which shall be given with the "first communication from the Board..." The (ii)-notice concerns the right to have counsel.

Rule 32N .0107 appears to reaffirm the requirement of the notices required by G.S. 90-14(i) (which is unnecessary as it is already a statutory requirement) but then creates an exception. ..."except as provide in Paragraph (e) of this Rule." This language refers to the situation when a licensee is represented by counsel. In such a case, we would provide the notices to the licensee's counsel instead of the licensee directly because GS 90-14(m) requires the Board to only communicate with counsel if the licensee has one. It's not an exception but a recognition that if the doctor has an attorney, the Board communicates with the attorney. See GS 90-14(m). In any event, I believe the language can be deleted.

Paragraph (e) of the Rule states, "The licensee who is the subject of a Board inquiry may retain and consult with legal counsel of his or her choosing in responding to the inquiries as set out in G.S. 90-14(i)."

Both G.S. 90-14(i) and Rule .0107 required concern notices "regarding a complaint or investigation." I do not believe G.S. 90-14(j) is contemplated in Rule .0107(a) as, again, it states in Paragraph (a) "regarding a compliant or investigation." Yes, Rule .0107(a) speaks to the investigative process and not precharge conferences wich is the subject of GS 90-14(j).

Lines 5-6: What authority does the Board have to make any exception to the notices or their timing set forth in the G.S. 90-14(i)? See above. I will delete this language.

Lines 24-25: Is this right to counsel not already inherent in G.S. 90-14(i) which requires the Board to provide notice of this right to the licensee? It is. However, the Board, as a matter of policy, encourages licensees to retain counsel to represent them in front of the Board.

Lines 24-25: Why would any licensee need the Board's permission, by rule or otherwise, to retain legal counsel of their choosing? They don't. Again, the Board encourages licensees to retain counsel. The provision reiterates the fact that licensees can hire an attorney to represent them, which again, the Board strongly encourages.

What am I missing?

If you believe a phone conversation would be helpful, please let me know.

Thanks.

Bill

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Bill,

Hi. Thanks for the Request for Changes. We've made the changes as requested, but we have a question about the first question you had for rule 21 NCAC 32N .0107.

You asked:

Lines 4-6: G.S. 90-14(e1) requires that certain notices be sent to the licensee "at least five days prior to the informal nonpublic precharge conference." This rule appears to require the notices be sent contemporaneously with the first contact from the Board, Et. al. Then the Board creates an exception for Paragraph (e). However, Paragraph (e) does not appear to address the timing of any notice. Paragraph (e) addresses the licensees' right to counsel notice of which is already addressed G.S. 90-1(e1). It is unclear what the Board's intentions are. Is the Board requiring all notices required by G.S. 90-14(e1) be provided at the time for the first contact with the licensee except for the notice of counsel which would then only require five days prior to the informal nonpublic precharge conference?

The response I drafted is basically the following:

There are no statutory provisions that are GS 90-14(e1) or GS 90-1(e1), but what I think was intended was a question about the two notice provisions found in GS 90-14(i) and 90-14(j). The notice requirements for a precharge conference found in GS 90-14(j) is different than the notice requirement for the beginning of an investigation which is found in GS-90-14(i). These two separate notice provisions serve different purposes. Not all investigations will result in a Board action to charge the licensee with misconduct, thus triggering the right to a precharge conference and the notice requirements for a precharge conference in GS 90-14(j). That notice states that within five days prior to the precharge conference, Board staff will furnish the licensee certain information. Under GS 90-14(i), when the Board opens any investigation, whether the investigation will ultimately have merit or not, the Board is obligated to provide information to the licensee explaining the investigative process prior to first contact with the licensee.

In sum, these two types of notice have different purposes and appear in different statutory provisions. GS 90-14(i) speaks to all investigations while GS 90-14(j) speaks to only to precharge conferences.

Does this answer your question?

Sorry that I'm a little confused. Happy to discuss if that would work better. Just let me know a good time to call and I can initiate the call.

Thanks for all of your hard work on these proposed rules.

Marcus

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Good afternoon.

Attached please find the request for changes for the Medical Board rules under review by the Rules Review Commission for May.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Have a great weekend.

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