

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
FILED WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Friday, August 15, 2025, and filed with the agency secretary on Monday, August 18, 2025.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

RULE NO.: 190-X-7-.02

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **(1); (2) (c), (e)**

RULE TITLE: Extern

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. No comments received.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XLIII, ISSUE NO. 9, AAM,
DATED MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025.

STATUTORY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Code of Ala. 1975, SS 34-24-145;
34-24-165

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

(1) Extern. A student enrolled in their last year at a Board approved chiropractic college accredited by the Council of Chiropractic Education or a recent chiropractic graduate of such an accredited school who is approved by the board to practice under the direct on-premises supervision of a sponsor licensed to practice chiropractic in the state of Alabama and in the case of a student, under the supervision of the accredited school.

(2) Qualifications. In order to receive a permit as :an Extern the following applies

(a) Student

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

(i) Currently enrolled in the final academic year at an approved chiropractic college which maintains a standard of training acceptable to the Board.

(ii) Documentation of successfully completing the written examination Parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.

(iii) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance coverage.

(b) Graduate

1. In addition to the requirements imposed in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-145, the following qualifications must be met:

(i) Graduated within six (6) months preceding the filing of an application from an approved chiropractic college maintaining a standard of training acceptable to the Board and not yet licensed in any other state.

(ii) Documentation of successfully passing Parts I and II of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination.

(iii) Successfully passing Part III and IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination within twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(iv) Provide evidence of malpractice insurance coverage.

(c) Any student or graduate must submit an application which shall include a provision that in executing the application the applicant agrees to comply with the provisions of the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act and all the Rules adopted by the Board. In addition, a student, in order to be approved, must have submitted a current and complete application, including any fee in the amount set forth by Board rule. The fees must be in the form of a cashier's check, bank certified check, or money order only. These fees are non-refundable.

1. For purpose of this rule the following meanings shall apply.

(i) Tier I applicants are those whose results from any required background checks have not yet been received. Tier I applicants are not allowed to adjust, or make any diagnosis or treatment directly with the patient. Tier I extern can perform same services as a chiropractic assistant as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor and may observe the preceptor doctors treatment of patients.

(ii) Tier II applicants are those who have successfully complied with all requirements set out in this rule. Tier II applicants should be able to have full patient treatment privileges as long as under the direct supervision of the preceptor doctor. A student who graduates is no longer eligible to possess a permit to participate in the preceptorship program unless at the time of graduation the requirements of Part III and IV of the National Chiropractors Examination have not been satisfied. In that event, participation in the preceptor program may continue for no longer than twelve (12) months following the date of graduation.

(d) Anyone approved as an extern shall only deliver chiropractic services under the direct on-premises supervision of an approved preceptor. The chiropractic services delivered are those specified in the Alabama Chiropractic Practice Act or in any Rule adopted by the Board.

(e) Externs performing chiropractic procedures under the supervision and direction of a Preceptor shall not represent

themselves to the public as licensed Chiropractors or use terms such as "Chiropractor", "Doctor of Chiropractic" or "D.C."

(3) Each applicant for this permit shall be of good moral character or have not engaged in any act or omission which is a ground for discipline set out and described in Code of Ala. 1975, §34-24-166(b). In addition, the applicant must be a citizen of the United States or if not such a citizen, a person who is legally present in the United States with appropriate documentation from the Federal Government.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-24-145, 34-24-165.

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