



## Proposed Updates to Respiratory Care Professional Rule

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The Georgia Composite Medical Board has published proposed updates to its respiratory care professionals (RCPs) rule that:

- **Eliminate** temporary permits for RCPs and **eliminate** references to temporary permits in other rules.
- **Update** requirements for Board certification, including:
  - A Registered Respiratory Therapist credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC); OR
  - A certification in respiratory therapy from the NBRC.
- **Eliminate** the requirement that RCPs notify the Board if there has been a change in the medical director or physician under whom the RCP works.
- Eliminate the requirement that RCPs seeking **reinstatement** or **renewal or recertification** must demonstrate that they will work under the supervision of a physician.
- **Updating** when incomplete applications will be considered invalid.
- Updating continuing education (CE) requirements by:
  - **Update** continuing education (CE) requirements for RCPs generally.
  - **Requiring** an applicant for reinstatement to show they have completed CE for each period the applicant was not certified.
- **Update** reciprocity requirements by:
  - Eliminating the requirement that an applicant who applies for reciprocity must be licensed in a state whose requirements are substantially equal to or exceed Georgia's requirements.
  - Updating the CE requirements for applicants seeking reciprocity.
  - Eliminating the requirement to notarize an applicant's CE hour verification.
- **Update** which entities recognize RCP programs of study.
- Make non-substantive edits to the **Respiratory Care Advisory Committee Rule** and the **Consumer Information Rule**.

Written comments on the proposed rules are due by **Aug. 1** and may be emailed to **Kierra Battle**. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held in-person on **Aug. 3** at **8:30 a.m.** at 2 M.L.K. Drive, East Tower, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334.

**Please let GHA know if you have any questions or comments about the proposed rules.**

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