

Notice Number \_\_\_\_\_

Rule Number Plc 300 various

1. Agency Name & Address:  <b>Office of Professional Licensure &amp; Certification</b> <b>7 Eagle Square</b> <b>Concord, NH 03301</b>	2. RSA Authority: <u>RSA 310:6, II</u>
	3. Federal Authority: <u>n/a</u>
	4. Type of Action:
	Adoption <u>X</u>
	Repeal _____
Readoption <u>X</u>	
Readoption w/amendment <u>X</u>	

5. Short Title: **Amendments to Licensure and Discipline of Regulated Professions**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:

**The Executive Director of the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC) is proposing to readopt the recently-adopted Interim rules in Plc 300 as regular rules to establish the Interim provisions as regular rules and is proposing changes to some of the Interim rules and to other rules in Plc 300, as described below:**

- **Readopt with amendment Plc 302.01, definition of “Application-related fees”, to account for inspection fees moving to Plc 1001.18 and exam fees being covered by Plc 303.0304;**
- **Adopt new Plc 302.06 and renumber subsequent definitions to include a definition of “Foreign jurisdiction” now that the term is used in more than one part of Plc 300;**
- **Adopt the language of Plc 313.12, relative to the evaluation of foreign credentials, as Plc 303.03 and renumber subsequent sections in Plc 303, so that the same evaluation requirement applies to applicants applying through the standard process as applicants applying through the endorsement process;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 303.0304 to clarify that the rule applies to all required examinations and is subject to any profession-specific requirements in applicable law;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.01 to require the submission of profession-specific addendums or supplements, as a way to alert applicants that they may be required;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.03 to require, in (a)(1), applicants to provide any other name(s) they have ever been known by, not just names in which they have been licensed, and to alert applicants in (e) intro to the “safe harbor” provision in Plc 504.03(c);**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.08 to:**
  - **Add a cross-reference to Plc 400 Inspections to (a)(1);**
  - **Better describe in (a)(2) what assistance might be needed from a board when reviewing an application;**
  - **Delete the provisions in (c) and (d) that would be redundant of Plc 400; and**
  - **Revise (ec) to establish a process for a board to follow if an application is referred to it;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.09 Interim to establish the interim provisions as regular rules and to incorporate the inspection process for pharmacy licenses;**

- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.10 Interim to establish the interim provisions as regular rules and to add the ability to challenge any conditions included in a license;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.12 to update the terminology for restoring suspended licenses;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 304.14 to remove “limitations or sub-specialties” from what must be submitted to request a professionally-printed wall certificate;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.01 to clarify the date of the amendments and to align the language in (c)(3) with language used in other sections;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.03 to replace the registration code with “complete information and instructions”, because codes are being phased out;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.05 to alert applicants of the need to file any applicable profession-specific addendum or supplement;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.06 to require applicants to provide any name they have used in (b)(1), to alert applicants to the “safe harbor” provisions of Plc 504.03(c) in (e), and to make clarifying edits to other provisions;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.08 to add language to the attestation requirement to highlight that the current license will expire by operation of RSA 310:8, III if a complete application is not filed prior to the expiration of the current license;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.11 to account for the potential for an inspection to be required for renewal and to make the same adjustments as in Plc 304.08(a)(2) and (c) for board reviews;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 308.12 so licensees have a process to challenge license conditions;**
- **Readopt Plc 308.15 Interim relative to fee refunds to establish the process in regular rules;**
- **Readopt Plc 311.07 Interim relative to misconduct to establish the provisions in regular rules;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 311.13 to update the terminology in paragraph (c) for restoring a suspended license;**
- **Readopt with amendment Plc 311.16 to delete “or certification” in (a), since the term “license” is defined as including certifications;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 312.01 to update the terminology in (c) and (d);**
- **Readopt with amendment Plc 312.04 to replace “withing” with “within” in (b)(2) intro and to update terminology in (b)(2)a.;**
- **Readopt with amendment Plc 312.05 to include a reference to RSA 310:11 in (b);**
- **Readopt with amendment Plc 313.01 to clarify in (a)(4) that the license is not currently suspended, revoked, or surrendered;**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 313.45 to require applicants for a license by endorsement to practice optometry to pass the NH jurisprudence exam; and**
- **Readopt with amendments Plc 313.49 to clarify the requirements for licensure by endorsement of professional engineers and to add a requirement to pass a NH jurisprudence exam.**

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

**The proposed rules will affect anyone who practices a regulated profession in New Hampshire or who wishes to practice a regulated profession in New Hampshire.**

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Plc 302.01, Plc 302.06 [new]	RSA 310:2
Plc 303.03 [new], Plc 303.04	RSA 310:4, II(c)
Plc 304.01, Plc 304.03, Plc 304.08, Plc 304.09, Plc 304.10, Plc 304.12, Plc 304.14	RSA 310:4, II(c)
Plc 308.01, Plc 308.03, Plc 308.05, Plc 308.06, Plc 308.08, Plc 308.11, Plc 308.12, Plc 308.15	RSA 310:8; RSA 310:5, I
Plc 311.07, Plc 311.13, Plc 311.16	RSA 310:10; RSA 310:12
Plc 312.01, Plc 312.04, Plc 312.05	RSA 310:8, III
Plc 313.01	RSA 310:17
Plc 313.45	RSA 310:17; RSA 327:6; RSA 327:31, I
Plc 313.49	RSA 310:17; RSA 310-A:6, I(b); RSA 310-A:12-13

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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**The rules can be reviewed on-line at <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/oplc-laws-and-rules>**

TTY/TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 or dial 711 (in NH)

8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **4:00 PM on Friday, April 4, 2025**

**Please submit comments to [OPLC-Rules@opl.nh.gov](mailto:OPLC-Rules@opl.nh.gov)**

Fax  E-mail  Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 2:00 PM**  
Physical Location: **Office of Professional Licensure & Certification, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**  
Electronic Access (if applicable): **Not applicable**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS # 25:028, dated 02/20/2025

**1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in cost when comparing proposed rules to existing interim rules. Not applicable to Plc 302.06 and Plc 303.03 as these are new rules.

**2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

**3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

With respect to Plc 303.03, citizens seeking a credentials evaluation for professional qualifications obtained from a foreign jurisdiction will face increased costs. The credentialing agency imposes these evaluation fees, which typically range from \$150 to \$275, depending on the number of courses, degrees, and whether expedited service is requested.

**A. To State general or State special funds:**

None.

**B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

See #3 above. There is no cost or benefit to political subdivisions.

**C. To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

**The rules do not apply to political subdivisions, and so do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures. The rules thus do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.**