

Notice Number 2022-209

Rule Number Plc 300

1. Agency Name & Address:

**Office of Professional Licensure & Certification
7 Eagle Square
Concord, NH 03301**

2. RSA Authority: RSA 310-A:1-d, II(h)(2);
RSA 310-A:1-f; RSA 310-A:1-p;
RSA 332-G:7, IV(c)

3. Federal Authority: n/a

4. Type of Action:

Adoption X

Repeal _____

Readoption _____

Readoption w/amendment _____

5. Short Title: **Licensure of Regulated Professions**

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments:

The Office of Professional Licensing and Certification (OPLC) is proposing to adopt rules to establish uniform procedures for the submission of applications for initial and renewal licensure and for reinstatement of licensure; uniform procedures for the OPLC to process and make decisions on such applications or to implement decisions made by the supported boards, commissions, and councils; uniform procedures for temporary licensing under RSA 310-A:1-f and RSA 332-G:14; uniform procedures for facilitated temporary licensing of military personnel and spouses of military personnel under RSA 310-A:1-p; uniform basic responsibilities and obligations and basic ethical and professional standards for licensees; and uniform procedures for imposing disciplinary sanctions against licensees.

As part of this rulemaking, the OPLC also is proposing to readopt with amendments Plc 801, relative to temporary licensure, as Plc 305. The amendments are intended to align Plc 801 with the terminology in the proposed new rules and to clarify its provisions.

The proposed rules include the following:

Plc 301 Purpose; Applicability; Sending Notices and Licenses; Availability of Contact Information; Computation of Time

Plc 302 Definitions

Plc 303 Required Credentials And Examinations

Plc 304 Initial Licensure

Plc ~~801~~305 Temporary Licensure

Plc 306 Temporary Licensure For Military Service Members And Spouses

Plc 307 Licensee Obligations

Plc 308 Renewals; Continuing Education

Plc 309 Reinstatement

Plc 310 Ethical And Professional Standards

Plc 311 Disciplinary Actions

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

The rules will apply to any individual or business who is licensed, or who seeks to become licensed, in any of the professions regulated by a regulatory board, commission, or council listed in RSA 310-A:1-a, I, or by the Executive Director in consultation with an advisory board.

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 300 (see below for additional statute)	RSA 310-A:1 through 1-p
Plc 305	RSA 310-A:1-f; RSA 332-G:14

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, January 13, 2023**

Please submit comments to OPLC-Rules@oplc.nh.gov

Fax E-mail Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 2:30 PM**

Place: **Board Room, Office of Professional Licensure & Certification,
 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301**

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

FIS # 22:217, dated 11/09/2022

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

Plc 801 is being readopted with amendments as Plc 305. There is no difference in cost when comparing proposed Plc 305 to Plc 801. Not applicable to Plc 301 through Plc 304 and Plc 306 through Plc 311 which 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):

There are no additional costs or benefits associated with proposed Plc 301 through Plc 304 and Plc 306 through Plc 311.

A. To State general or State special funds:

None

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None

C. To independently owned businesses:

None

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

There are no costs associated with the proposed rules and the rules do not apply to political subdivisions. The rules thus 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 and so do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.