

UPDATE ON WAIVERS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Several waivers are attached for review.

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Order Waiving License Renewal Requirements

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a [State of Emergency](#) in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory renewal requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (the Code).

Accordingly, for individuals whose active licenses expire between March 31, 2020, and May 31, 2021, the Director temporarily waives:

1. any statutory or regulatory requirement that individuals renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code take and pass an examination in order to renew a license; and,
2. any statutory or regulatory requirement that an individual renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code complete, or demonstrate compliance with, any continuing education requirements in order to renew a license.

These temporary waivers do not apply to any continuing education, training, or examination required pursuant to a disciplinary order against a license.

Licensees must satisfy any waived renewal requirements within six months of this order, unless further extended.

These temporary waivers do not relieve such individuals from timely complying with any other renewal requirements, including completing and submitting the required renewal forms to the governing licensing agency.

As a result of these waivers, the Department of Consumer Affairs' constituent licensing agencies may renew licenses despite noncompliance with the statutory or regulatory renewal requirements identified above.

On October 22, 2020, December 15, 2020, and February 26, 2021, the Director issued Orders Waiving License Renewal Requirements. The October 22, 2020, December 15, 2020, and February 26, 2021, orders are hereby withdrawn and rescinded.

These waivers are effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: March 30, 2021

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Director

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Order Extending Expiration Dates for Occupational Therapy Limited Permits

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a [State of Emergency](#) to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order [N-39-20](#), during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

Accordingly, for individuals issued limited permits between December 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4123, subdivisions (a)(3) and (b), to the extent they limit to three months the validity of such permits, subject to the condition that such permits shall only be valid for six months from the date of issuance by the Board of Occupational Therapy or upon receipt of a failing result, whichever occurs first.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: February 24, 2021

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Order Extending Occupational Therapy Applicant Eligibility

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a [State of Emergency](#) to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order [N-39-20](#), during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

Accordingly, for individuals who were notified by the Board of Occupational Therapy on and after December 1, 2020, that they are eligible for licensure, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4114, subdivision (b), to the extent it limits to 60 days the time within which such individuals must submit the initial license fee, subject to the condition that such individuals must submit the initial license fee within 120 days after the date of notification of eligibility by the Board.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: March 2, 2021

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director