

## Temporary Waiver of Regulations to Extend Examination Eligibility Deadlines

Second Amended May 6, 2021

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On May 26, 2020, the Governor proclaimed that the state of emergency continues to exist. In the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, <u>Amended Executive Order 51</u>, the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Amended Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby extend examination eligibility deadlines established by regulations of boards under the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation that would otherwise expire during the state of emergency, **until midnight on June 30, 2021**.

This Temporary Waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations, nor does it amend any other examination eligibility provisions. Examination candidates should contact their licensing board to determine how this waiver impacts them.

This Temporary Waiver shall take effect on May 6, 2021, and **shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2021**, unless sooner amended or rescinded. Termination of this waiver is not intended to void any examination eligibility extension granted prior to July 1, 2021.

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