



April 6, 2020

*Amended July 8, 2020*

On March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency due to the public health emergency posed by novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The North Carolina Board of Nursing (“Board”) is vested with the authority to waive the requirements of Article 9A Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to allow emergency health services to the public if the Governor declares a state of emergency.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board by N.C. Gen. Stat. §90-171.49 in response to Executive Order 116 (2020), the Board hereby waives the following rules and requirements:

- **Medication Aide Instructor Renewal**

21 NCAC 36 .0406 MEDICATION AIDE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Faculty for the medication aide training program shall:
  - (1) have an active, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina;
  - (2) have had at least two years of practice experience as a registered nurse that includes medication administration;
  - (3) have successfully completed an instructor training program approved by the Board according to these Rules; and
  - (4) maintain Board certification as a medication aide instructor.
- (b) A medication aide instructor certification shall be renewed every two years provided the following requirements are met:
  - (1) the individual has taught at least one medication aide training program within the preceding two years; and
  - (2) the individual has reviewed program changes approved by the Board and posted on the Board's website at [www.ncbon.com](http://www.ncbon.com).
- (c) An applicant for a medication aide training program approved by the Board shall have a high school diploma or High School Equivalency.

***Waive the provisions of (b)(1). All other provisions shall apply.***

This waiver does not waive other statutory requirements or limitations. This waiver shall take effect on April 6, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2020, or unless sooner amended, or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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