



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:

- **Renewal**

21 NCAC 36 .0201 BIENNIAL RENEWAL

- (a) Each registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall biennially renew their license with the Board no later than the last day of the applicant's birth month by:
 - (1) submitting a completed application for renewal, stating that the information on the application is true and complete, and authorizing the release to the Board of all information pertaining to the application. Applications for renewal are posted on the Board's website at www.ncbon.com;
 - (2) attesting to completion of continuing competence requirements and submitting evidence of completion if requested by the Board, as specified in Rule .0232(b) of this Section; and
 - (3) submitting the fee for licensure renewal, as established in G.S. 90-171.27(b).
- (b) It shall be the duty of each applicant to keep the Board informed of a current mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- (c) A member of the United States Armed Services shall be exempt from compliance if on active duty and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return.

Waive the provisions of (a)(2) for the requirement of completion of continuing competence.

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take effect on April 6, 2020 and shall remain in full force and effect December 31, 2020 or unless sooner amended or rescinded by the Board or further Executive Order.

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