



Iowa Bureau of Professional Licensure Guidance Related to Governor Reynold's Proclamations & COVID-19

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued March 22, 2020. Certain provisions of the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency have now expired.

License Expiration: The Proclamation allowed professional licenses with an expiration date from March 22, 2020, through July 23, 2021, to remain active through September 23, 2021. An individual who holds a professional license with an expiration date from March 22, 2020, through July 23, 2021, has until September 23, 2021, to renew their license without penalty. Any professional license that is not renewed by September 23, 2021, will become inactive and will require reactivation to return to active status.

Continuing Education: No in-person continuing education was required for license renewal for a license with an expiration date from March 22, 2020, through July 23, 2021. A licensee has until September 23, 2021, to complete all required continuing education. In addition, the following continuing education provisions are applicable to the listed professions:

- **Funeral Directors:** No in-person continuing education required when renewing a license with an expiration date through March 15, 2022.
- **Massage Therapists:** The Board will not be auditing for compliance with in-person continuing education requirements for the remainder of 2021.
- **Mental Health Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists:** Licensees who renewed by September 30, 2020, and had already completed 40 hours of continuing education, may count 10 hours towards the continuing education required for license renewal in 2022.
- **Nursing Home Administrators:** No in-person continuing education required when renewing a license with an expiration date of December 31, 2021.
- **Optometrists:** No in-person continuing education required when renewing a license with an expiration date of June 30, 2022.
- **Podiatrists:** No in-person continuing education required when renewing a license with an expiration date of June 30, 2022.

Vaccine Administration: Licensed physician assistants, optometrists, podiatrists, and respiratory care practitioners have authorization to administer COVID-19 vaccinations under certain conditions. Information regarding vaccine administration requirements is available [here](#).

Now that the provisions of the Proclamation related to Professional Licensure have expired, all laws and regulations governing licensees within the Bureau of Professional Licensure are fully effective.