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Order Further Extending Eligibility Period and Expiration Dates for 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 who complete the education and fieldwork requirements for licensure or certification as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant between June 2, 2020, and November 30, 2020, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4123, subdivision (a) to the extent it limits to four months the time within which such individuals must apply to take the licensing examination, subject to the condition that such individuals must apply to take the licensing examination within six months of completing the education and fieldwork requirements for licensure or certification.

For individuals issued limited permits between June 2, 2020, and November 30, 2020, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4123, subdivision (a)(3) to the extent it limits 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, upon receipt of a failing result, or two weeks following the expiration of the applicants' eligibility to test period, whichever occurs first.

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

Dated: October 29, 2020

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director