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# Order Waiving License Reactivation or Restoration Requirements

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 requirements with respect to a professional license issued pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code (the Code), including the requirements to reactivate or restore a license to active status.

Accordingly, the Director temporarily waives any statutory or regulatory requirement that an individual seeking to reactivate or restore a license originally issued pursuant to Division 2 of the Code:

- Complete, or demonstrate compliance with, any continuing education requirements in order to reactivate or restore a retired, inactive, or canceled license; and

- Pay any fees in order to reactivate or restore a retired, inactive, or canceled license (including renewal, delinquency, penalty, or late fees, or any other statutory or regulatory fees).

These waivers apply only to an individual's license that: (1) is in a retired, inactive, or canceled status, and (2) has been in such status no longer than five years.

These waivers do not apply to any license that was surrendered or revoked pursuant to disciplinary proceedings or any individual who entered a retired, inactive, or canceled status following initiation of a disciplinary proceeding.

A license reactivated or restored pursuant to these waivers is valid until January 1, 2021, or when the State of Emergency ceases to exist, whichever is sooner.

These temporary waivers do not relieve such individuals from complying with any other reactivation or restoration requirements, including completing and submitting any required forms or written notices to the governing licensing agency to reactivate or restore the license.

As a result of these waivers, the Department of Consumer Affairs' constituent licensing agencies may reactivate or restore a retired, inactive, or canceled license despite noncompliance with the statutory or regulatory requirements identified above.

On March 31, 2020, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs issued an Order Waiving License Reactivation or Restoration Requirements. The March 31, 2020, Order is hereby withdrawn and superseded by this Order.

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

Dated: September 17, 2020

**Signature on File**

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director