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Order Extending Occupational Therapy Applicant Eligibility

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 were notified by the Board of Occupational Therapy on and after December 1, 2020, that they are eligible for licensure, the Director waives California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 4114, subdivision (b), to the extent it limits to 60 days the time within which such individuals must submit the initial license fee, subject to the condition that such individuals must submit the initial license fee within 120 days after the date of notification of eligibility by the Board.

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

Dated: March 2, 2021

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director