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Order Waiving Restrictions On Registered Nurse Temporary Licenses

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 and amend scopes of practice pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including registered nurses.

Accordingly, for registered nurse license applicants that apply for licensure pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2732.1, subdivision (b), between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, the Director waives Business and Professions Code section 2733, subdivision (a)(1)(A), and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1414.5, subdivision (a), to the extent that they require approval of an application and payment of a prescribed temporary license fee for the Board of Registered Nursing (Board) to issue a temporary license to such applicants, subject to the following conditions:

- The applicant submits an application for licensure pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2732.1, subdivision (b);
- The applicant submits the applicable fee pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2732.1, subdivision (c);
- The applicant has a current and active license or registration as a nurse in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or Canada, that has, in the Board's opinion, requirements for licensing or registration equal to or higher than those in California at the time the application is filed with the Board;
- The applicant passed an examination for the license or registration that is, in the Board's opinion, comparable to the Board's examination; and,
- The application is not subject to denial pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 480.

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

Dated: January 25, 2021

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Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director