



Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

JB PRITZKER
Governor

DEBORAH HAGAN
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

In Re: Live Attendance Continuing Education Requirements for the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

GRANT OF VARIANCE

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization recognizes the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”), a contagious respiratory virus, as a pandemic that is affecting numerous countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois JB Pritzker issued an emergency proclamation due to the increased presence of COVID-19 located in multiple Illinois counties; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 global viral pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”) licenses over 1.3 million licensees through the Division of Professional Regulation and the Division of Real Estate (“Divisions”), many of which require the completion of continuing education course requirements in order to satisfy their license requirements; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Department has become aware that continuing education providers and sponsors are cancelling events and courses where licensees obtain continuing education, thus limiting opportunities for continuing education that would meet the live attendance requirements as specified by their individual professions. As a result, licensees may not

be able to meet the live attendance requirements as set forth in their administrative rules or by statute; and

WHEREAS, various regulated professions in the Divisions have licensees who have license renewal deadlines on March 1, 2020, through and including, July 31, 2020, with requirements for continuing education courses that are either by live attendance or by interactive webinar or online distance education, among other currently permitted methods; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to grant variances from the various provisions of the Illinois Administrative Code, which govern the conduct and regulation of the Illinois professions licensed through the Department, as listed in attached Exhibit A.; and

WHEREAS, (1) currently-licensed education providers and sponsors cannot be held to current live attendance continuing education requirements, and renewal applicants for such licenses similarly cannot be expected to comply with these requirements in the state of public emergency; (2) adherence to live attendance for continuing education courses would, for the reasons described above, be unreasonable and unnecessarily burdensome; (3) no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and (4) this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation required of licenses under the Department's jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DEBORAH HAGAN, Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois, DO HEREBY FIND:

1. I have jurisdiction over the party and subject matter herein; and
2. That granting a various would not be contrary to the public welfare.

WHEREFORE, this Variance shall allow all current licensees under Department jurisdiction that have renewal deadlines, on March 1, 2020, through and including, July 31, 2020, to complete all their continuing education coursework without requiring live attendance but permit interactive webinar or online distance education courses, in addition to other currently permitted methods, and shall not constitute a barrier to licensure.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2020

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
DEBORAH HAGAN, SECRETARY

By: 



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In Re: License Renewal Deadline Extension for the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Licensees

GRANT OF VARIANCE

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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 global viral pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”) licenses over 1.3 million licensees through the Division of Professional Regulation and the Division of Real Estate (“Divisions”), many of which require the completion of continuing education course requirements in order to satisfy their licensure requirements; and

WHEREAS, professional education providers and sponsors in the State of Illinois are beginning to alter their schedules and temporarily close schools, among other precautionary measures, in order to adequately respond to the increasing presence of COVID-19 and protect the health of their students, employees, and faculty; and

WHEREAS, various regulated professions in the Divisions have licensees who have license renewal deadlines on March 1, 2020, through and including, July 31, 2020, with requirements for completion of continuing education courses; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the adverse effects of course provider closures and modifications to class schedules; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate an orderly transition for licensees, their renewal, and continuing education requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department is authorized to grant variances from the various provisions of the Illinois Administrative Code, which govern the conduct and regulation of the Illinois professions licensed through the Department, as listed in attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, (1) License renewal dates and requirements for continuing education are set forth in current administrative rules; (2) adherence to the current license renewal dates for continuing education would, for the reasons described above, be unreasonable and unnecessarily burdensome; (3) currently-licensed education providers cannot be held to current continuing education and/or renewal deadlines, and that renewal applicants for such licenses similarly cannot be expected to comply with these requirements in a state of public emergency; and (4) no party will be injured by the granting of this variance;

NOW THEREFORE, I, DEBORAH HAGAN, Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois, DO HEREBY FIND:

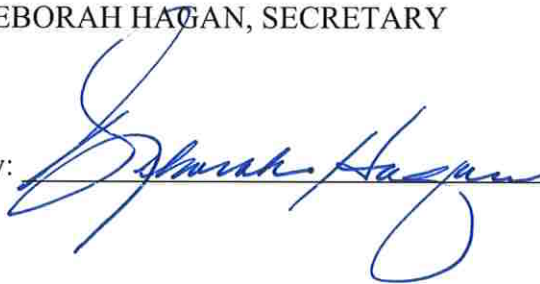
1. I have jurisdiction over the party and the subject matter herein; and
2. That granting a variance would not be contrary to the public welfare.

WHEREFORE, a Variance for all current licensees that have license renewal deadlines, on March 1, 2020, through and including, July 31, 2020, is hereby granted and these licensees shall have up to, and including, until September 30, 2020, to renew their licenses; all affected licensees shall comply with all pertinent provisions of their respective Acts; and this extension of the license renewal deadlines shall not constitute a barrier to licensure.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
DEBORAH HAGAN, SECRETARY

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deborah Hagan", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.



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In Re: Continuing Education Deadlines for Renewal of Licensure in the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

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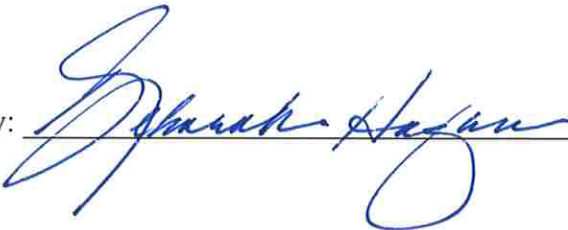
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WHEREFORE, a Variance for all current licensees that have license renewal deadlines, on March 1, 2020, through and including, July 31, 2020, is hereby granted and these licensees shall have up to, and including, September 30, 2020, to complete their continuing education requirements; all affected licensees shall comply with all pertinent provisions of their respective Acts; and this extension of continuing education requirements shall not constitute a barrier to licensure.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

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REGULATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,
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CECILIA ABUNDIS
Acting Director
Division of Professional Regulation

VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1284.110, I hereby grant a Variance on behalf of all massage therapy schools to the provisions of 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1284.20(a)(1), which states as follows: "A minimum of 600 hours or its equivalent in credit hours of supervised classroom and supervised hand-on instruction...For the purpose of this subsection (a)(1) "supervised" means the supervisor is physically on-site, qualified and immediately available."


This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued on March 9, 2020.

The purpose of this Variance is to allow all massage therapy schools to offer online instruction for their lecture-based (non-hands on) courses due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the CDC guidelines limiting in-person interactions. This Variance is hereby granted and expires July 31, 2020. Beginning August 1, 2020, all massage therapy schools shall resume offering all of their courses in-person.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned Rule, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any statute, rule, or regulation concerning the licensure or practice of massage therapy. All massage therapy schools shall be subject to compliance with all additional rules and regulations contained in the Act and in the rules promulgated thereto or their successor.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and the rules from which this variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL
REGULATION of the State of Illinois
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by


Cecilia Abundis, Acting Director
Division of Professional Regulation

3/17/2020
Date



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VARIANCE

Pursuant to the authority granted in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.110, I hereby grant a school licensed pursuant to Article IIID of the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 (hereinafter "BCENT"), a variance from 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.330(a), 1175.331(b), 1175.332(b), 1175.335(a), 1175.336(a), 1175.530(a), 1175.531(b), 1175.532(a), 1175.535(a), 1175.536(a), 1175.835(a), 1175.836(b), 1175.840(a), 1175.842(a), 1175.1135(a), 1175.1136(b), 1175.1140(a), 1175.1142(a), 1175.1535(a), 1175.1175.1540(a), which state, in part, that online hours in theory courses shall not exceed 10% of the hours required in subsequent subsections.

This variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued on March 9, 2020.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Department has become aware that schools are closing campuses and moving to online instruction. As a result, students graduating through July 31, 2020 may end up exceeding the 10% limit for online theory courses. This variance shall be permitted to allow a school licensed under Article IIID of BCENT to allow the teaching of online theory courses to exceed 10% of the hours of each subsection as specified in the above listed rules provisions for students who are graduating through July 31, 2020.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned rules, this variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation on curriculum requirements for schools licensed under Article IIID of BCENT. Said schools shall be subject to comply with all additional rules and regulations contained in BCENT and applicable administrative rules.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and the rules from which this variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

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