



# OKLAHOMA

## State Department of Health

### Emergency Rule Updates

May 16, 2020

### **Summary of New Emergency Rules for Licensure and Certification Renewals Enacted at OAC 310:2-310:2-3-8: Pandemic emergency rules Effective May 14, 2020**

#### **Renewal Deadlines**

- Renewal deadlines for all expiring occupational and professional licenses, certificates, permits, or registrations are extended.
- They remain valid until fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal or termination of Executive Order 2020-07, and its amendments.
- Waiver of late, delinquent, penalty, or expiration fees associated with any renewal until the withdrawal or termination of the Executive Order.

#### **Skills testing, Certification Re-certification and Continuing Education Requirements**

- The Department may suspend in-person skills testing, certification, re-certification and continuing education requirements until the withdrawal or termination of the Executive Order.

#### **Pending applications.**

- Extension of completion deadlines for any initial or pending license, certificate, permit, or registration during the emergency.

## Deferment of Inspection for License

- The Commissioner may waive, suspend or defer inspection requirements for current, extended or initial applications

## Continuity of Care And Continuation Of Services for Health Care Occupations

- The Department may reduce or waive staffing requirements and supervisory requirements and waive licensure requirements, including education requirements, skills testing and experience.
- Reductions or waivers of staffing and supervisory requirements terminate upon the withdrawal or termination of the Executive Order.
- Individuals who receive a license under such waivers shall be supervised.
- Provisional approval of a license without fingerprinting is valid until fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal or termination of the Executive Order.
- Emergency medical personnel applicants with a NREMT Provisional Certification or that have successfully completed the CareerTech Emergency Medical Responder cognitive exam shall have their psychomotor skills verified by their employer and be specifically approved by their medical control physician prior to being scheduled for duty. Specific quality assurance processes shall be developed by the medical control physician to ensure quality care is provided by this type of license holder. These specific quality assurance processes shall remain in place until:
  - (A) the license holder successfully completes all aspects of the psychomotor exam; and
  - (B) obtains a non-emergency certification or license by the Department.
- Conditional licenses issued under this paragraph will expire fourteen (14) days following the withdrawal or termination of the Executive Order.

You can view the official [Summary of New Emergency Rules for Licensure and Certification Rules](#) here.

View the [Emergency Rules Final Preamble](#) here.

