

Iowa Board of Psychology Guidance Related to Governor Reynold's Proclamations & COVID-19

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued a Proclamation of Emergency Disaster. In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to various professions. The full text of the Proclamation is available on the Governor's website. The Board issues the following guidance regarding the Proclamation:

License Renewal

The Board office is still processing renewals at this time. Licensees are not required to renew for the duration of the Proclamation. Licensees who wish to renew as scheduled are encouraged to renew using the online system.

Continuing Education

Licensees have until June 30, 2021 to complete the continuing education required for license renewal. Licensees may renew prior to completing the required continuing education. In order to complete the renewal application, licensees will need to attest to completion of the required continuing education. Licensees should attest to the completion of the required hours if they have completed, or plan to complete, the required continuing education by June 30, 2021.

The Board is waiving 8 hours of the required continuing education for licensees who renew by June 30, 2020. Licensees who renew by June 30, 2020 are only required to obtain 32 hours of continuing education, and have until June 30, 2021 to complete the required 32 hours of continuing education.

Licensees are reminded that all of the required continuing education may be obtained online.

Out-of-State Providers

For the duration of the Proclamation, individuals who are licensed as psychologists in another state, whose license is active and in good standing, may provide services to Iowans through telephonic or electronic means without obtaining a license or exemption from the Board.

Supervised Professional Experience

For individuals who are currently participating in the supervised professional experience, the requirement in rules 645-240.6(2)"a"(1) and 240.6(2)"b"(3) to meet "face to face" can be satisfied using electronic means. In addition, the requirement in rule 645-240.6(2)"b"(5) for the supervisor to work in the same physical setting as the supervisee is waived to the extent that the supervisor and supervisee may be working remotely during this emergency.