



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

On March 22, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency. In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to a number of professions, including athletic trainers. The Proclamation eases administrative rules relating to renewal of licenses and continuing education. *The suspension of rules identified in the Proclamation is effective through June 25, 2020, unless the Governor terminates or extends the Proclamation.* As required in the Proclamation, the Board of Athletic Training issues this guidance relating to the temporary suspension of administrative rules in these areas:

License Renewal

Section Six of the Proclamation temporarily suspended administrative rules relating to license expirations during the period of the Proclamation. This means that if a license expired while the Proclamation is in effect, the licensee would not be required to renew until after the termination of the Proclamation. However, athletic trainers' licenses expire on February 28, 2021. Because the Governor's Proclamation is set to expire on June 25, 2020, this provision does not currently impact athletic trainers. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will provide future guidance about possible suspensions of license renewal requirements as necessary in the future.

Continuing Education

Section Five of the Proclamation temporarily suspended rules relating to continuing education deadlines or in-person continuing education requirements as a condition of license renewal. Because athletic trainers do not have to complete their fifty hours of continuing education until the end of February of 2021, and are not required to complete a minimum number of in-person education hours, this provision does not currently impact athletic trainers. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will provide future guidance about possible suspensions of continuing education requirements as necessary in the future.