



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

On March 22, 2020, Governor Kim Reynolds issued a [Proclamation of Emergency Disaster](#). In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to a number of professions, including psychologists. The Proclamation eases administrative rules relating to renewal of licenses, continuing education, and supervised professional experience. *The suspension of rules identified in the Proclamation is effective through April 30, 2020, unless the Governor terminates or extends the Proclamation.* As required in the Proclamation, the Board of Psychology issues this guidance relating to the temporary suspension of administrative rules in these areas:

License Renewal

Licenses are not scheduled to expire until June 30, 2020. The Board does not anticipate the Proclamation having an impact on license renewal. In the event the Proclamation is extended in a manner that does impact license renewal, the Board will send additional information at that time.

Continuing Education

Licensees are already permitted to obtain all of the required continuing education hours online. Due to licenses not expiring until June 30, 2020, the required continuing education hours for license renewal are not being waived at this time. Licensees will still be required to obtain 40 hours of continuing education. The Board will continue to monitor this issue and provide additional guidance if necessary.

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.