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Pennsylvania Extends License Renewal Deadlines for Graduate Medical Trainees, RNs, CRNPs, and Prescriptive Authority During Coronavirus Emergency

GUIDANCE FOR:

- State Board of Medicine
- State Board of Nursing

Summary:

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Department of State requested, and Governor Wolf granted, the extension for 90 days of certain license renewal deadlines which fall between April 30, 2020, and June 30, 2020. Any associated regulations that establish these dates are temporarily suspended.

While the department will provide guidance encouraging licensees to renew on time, if possible, this waiver ensures that if they miss the deadline their licenses will remain valid, and they will have an additional 90 days to renew them.

The following professional and occupational license renewal deadlines will be extended:

State Board of Medicine:

- **Graduate Medical Trainee** license renewal will be extended from June 30, 2020, to Sept. 28, 2020.

State Board of Nursing:

- **Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner and Prescriptive Authority** license renewal deadlines will be extended from April 30, 2020, to July 29, 2020.
- **Practical Nurse** license renewal will be extended from June 30, 2020, to Sept. 28, 2020.

The Department of State is working with the governor's office, the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to identify regulations and requirements that can be suspended to give medical providers and facilities the flexibility they need to respond to COVID-19. The Department of State website will be updated regularly as additional requirement suspension information becomes available. <https://www.dos.pa.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Waivers.aspx>

Visit the Commonwealth's Responding to COVID-19 guide for the latest guidance and resources: <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>