

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 veterinary medicine. The Proclamation eases administrative rules relating to continuing education and renewal of licenses. *The suspension of rules identified in the Proclamation is effective through April 16, 2020, unless the Governor terminates or extends the Proclamation.* As required in the Proclamation, the Board of Veterinary Medicine hereby issues this guidance relating to the temporary suspension of administrative rules in these areas which directly impact the Board and 811 Iowa Administrative Code.

**In Section Five**, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspends rules relating to **continuing education deadlines or requirements** as a condition of license renewal, reinstatement, or reactivation.

At this time, the Board does not anticipate extending the deadline for completion of continuing education for veterinarians in the current triennial license renewal period (through June 30, 2020). However, the Board is lifting the 20-hour limit on distance (online) education courses for continuing education credit for veterinarians for the current license renewal period.

The veterinary technician continuing education reporting deadline for the current triennium is December 31, 2020. Nonetheless, the Board is lifting the 10-hour credit limit on home study (online) continuing education courses for those registrants who will renew by December 31, 2020.

**In Section Six**, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspends rules relating to **license and registration renewal**. The suspension applies only to licenses and registrations which expire between March 22 and April 16, 2020.

The license renewal period for veterinarians for the next triennium (July, 1 2020 through June 30, 2023) starts on May 1, 2020, with current veterinary licenses expiring on June 30, 2020. Veterinary technician registrations are not scheduled for renewal until January 1, 2021. Currently, the Proclamation is effective until April 16, 2020. Because licenses and registrations are not set to expire during this Proclamation, the Board does not anticipate any changes to the current renewal schedules and deadlines. If the duration of the Proclamation is extended by subsequent order of the Governor in a manner that impacts the current renewal schedules and deadlines, the Board will issue supplemental guidance explaining the effect of any such extension.

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