



States Modifying Continuing Medical Education Requirements in Response to COVID-19

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States with Waivers: 27
States without Waivers: 20 + DC
<i>Note: Colorado, Montana and South Dakota do not require CME</i>

State	Note	Citation
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board and Commission recognize the difficulty licensees may have meeting the annual CME requirement in 2020 due to the public health emergency. Consequently, all licensees are exempt from the continuing medical education requirements for the calendar year 2020, and no audit for 2020 will be conducted. This includes the annual requirement of 25 credits for license renewal, the biannual requirement of 2 credits for ACSC renewal, and the biannual requirement of 4 credits for QACSC renewal. 	ALBME Guidance State Resource Page
Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A state agency or board that licenses individuals or entities as indicated herein shall: ... b) Defer requirements to complete continuing education by six months, unless those requirements can be completed online or due to the nature of the license is not practical; c) Suspend any rules that prevent or limit the amount of online or alternative learning hours permitted to issue or renew a license. 	Executive Order 2020-17 State Resource Page
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waiver of any CME or examination requirements for the renewal of licenses that expire from March 31, 2020, through June 30, 2020, and allow up to six months after the state of emergency declaration is lifted for licensees to make up these requirements. This applies to physicians as well as other licensees who are due for renewal during this window. 	CMA Guidance State Resource Page
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado is one of only three states that does not require any continuing medical education for physicians. Not only does Colorado not require doctors to complete continuing education courses in order to renew their licenses, the state's Medical Practice Act actually forbids the state medical board from requiring continuing education. 	Article re: CME State Resource Page
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Executive Order 7DD, the continuing education requirements for providers with annual continuing education requirements are suspended for a period of (1) year. Additionally, for those provider types that have other continuing education requirements, such requirements are suspended for a period of six (6) months. 	Article re: CME Executive Order 7DD State Resource Page
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When completing your on-line renewal, the continuing education attestation page will ask if you have been unable to complete your required continuing education due to the Governor's declared state of emergency. Any licensee who attests that s/he has had difficulty completing CEs before renewal due to the declared state of emergency will be immediately granted additional time to complete their CEs. If the declared state of emergency has impacted your ability to complete your CEs, you will be given until sixty days after the lifting of the state of emergency to complete your CEs for this renewal cycle. 	DPR Guidance State Resource Page
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [DOs]: On March 13, the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine waived the requirement for live, participatory attendance for certain CE courses for the 2018-2020 biennium. 	Osteo Board Guidance State Resource Page
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Hawaii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary Suspension of rules: 22.01.01.079 Rules of the Board of Medicine for the Licensure to Practice Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine [Continuing Medical Education (CME)] (requiring every person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery in Idaho shall complete no less than forty hours of practice relevant, Category 1, CME every two years.) 	Supplemental Proclamation (4/2) Board of Med Rules BOM Guidance State Resource Page

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiver of CME requirements: During the COVID-19 response, the Board may waive or extend the time to complete CME credits required for licensure renewal. 	
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department has also allowed participation in continuing education remotely for programs or requirements that had mandated in person participation. This requirement did not apply to all professions regulated by IDFPR. For medical or osteopathic physicians and surgeons and chiropractic physicians the requirement for 60 hours of Category I continuing education did not include a requirement for in person attendance. 	Article re: CME State Resource Page
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All requirements for in-person continuing medical education and all deadlines and other requirements for continuing medical education that are unable to be satisfied due to the health emergency, are temporarily suspended during the period of this health emergency. If a licensee is unable to complete the required continuing medical education required for renewal of their Iowa medical license due to the health emergency, they should note that on their next renewal application. 	Emergency Declaration (3/22) State Resource Page
Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing Education Deadline Extensions: The Board is extending continuing education deadlines until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency declaration for licensees who were unable to obtain the required continuing education due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Licensees currently in the renewal process will certify either that you have completed the required CEs, or, if you have not yet completed them, that you understand you are required by law to complete them within 90 days following termination of the State of Disaster Emergency declaration. The Board will verify compliance by auditing an undetermined percentage of renewal applications. 	KSBHA Guidance State Resource Page
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General CME requirements and CME audits will be temporarily suspended for 2020 (however, this does not apply to the 3 hour required CME on controlled dangerous substances (CDS) for first time license renewal of authorized prescribers of CDS. There are many online options provided for this educational requirement.) 	LSBME Guidance State Resource Page
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep licenses from expiring or needing to be renewed for 30 days after the declaration of the emergency (including CME requirements). 	Executive Order 3/24 State Resource Page
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the duration of this state of emergency and until December 31, 2020, the continuing medical education (CME) requirement for physicians is suspended. Any physician with a CME requirement whose license is due for renewal on April 2, 2020 through and including Dec. 31, 2020 will not be required to complete any CME requirement. 	Interim Policy re: CME State Resource Page
Michigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective immediately... LARA may renew a license to practice... regardless of whether the licensee has satisfied the continuing education requirement applicable to their license... LARA may recognize hours worked responding to the COVID-19 emergency as hours toward continuing education courses or programs required for licensure. • Any and all provisions in Article 15 of the Public Health Code are temporarily suspended, in whole or part, to the extent necessary to allow health care professionals licensed and in good standing in any state or territory in the United States to practice in Michigan without criminal, civil, or administrative penalty related to lack of licensure... (C) Continuing education while the emergency declaration is in effect. 	Executive Order 2020-13 State Resource Page
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EO 20-23 authorizes Health-Related Licensing Boards to defer continuing education reporting requirements until the first full reporting cycle following termination of the peacetime emergency. It is important to note that continuing education requirements are deferred and NOT waived. 	Press Release re: CME Executive Order 20-23 State Resource Page
Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have decided to extend the deadline for CME from June 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020. It is important for you to realize you will still be required to renew your license during the renewal period from May 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020. 	MSBML Guidance re: CME State Resource Page
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana is one of only three states that does not require any continuing medical education for physicians. 	Link State Resource Page
Nebraska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [EO 20-10] also defers the requirements for healthcare providers to pay initial licensing fees or to complete continuing education. • Licenses due to be renewed during the declared emergency will be extended until 30 days after Executive Order 20-10 is no longer in effect. Renewal notices will then be sent, and licensees will have 90 days to renew by attesting to meeting the continuing education requirement and paying the renewal fee. 	Article re: Waivers Executive Order 20-10 EO 20-10 FAQs State Resource Page
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [No information found] 	State Resource Page

New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following changes shall be made for all professionals, licensed by the... OPLC... (1) Certain continuing education requirements for licensed professionals waived... all CE requirements are hereby waived for those licensees who are scheduled to renew between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2020. (2)... for licensees whose continuing education requirements are not waived under (1) above, licensees shall be allowed to complete CE through remote instruction until December 31, 2020... 	Exhibit H to EO #29 State Resource Page
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [MDs]: Pursuant to 16.10.4.15 NMAC: A physician unable to fulfill the CME requirements prior to the date of license expiration may apply to the board for an emergency deferral of the requirements by submitting a request in writing no later than July 1 of the renewal year. A designee of the board may grant a deferral of up to 90 days." [DOs]: Due to the public health emergency declared by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in Executive Order 2020-004, and to the cancellation of continuing education (CE) opportunities, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine will implement the following procedures through the Regulation and Licensing Department, Boards and Commissions staff: Boards and Commissions staff will process renewals without the proof of continuing CE credit needed for renewal during the pendency of the public health emergency instituted by Executive Order 2020-004... When the public health emergency is lifted, Boards and Commissions staff will send out a notice to licensees stating that the licensee has 6 months, depending upon the Board or Commission, to submit their proof of CE or be subject to discipline by the Board. 	NMMB Guidance re: CME NMBOM Notice State Resource Page
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been no other statutory or rule changes regarding licensure, renewals, CME requirements, etc.... 	NDBOM April Newsletter State Resource Page
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning immediately, the Medical Board will suspend enforcement of the continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license issued by the State Medical Board of Ohio. This includes, but is not limited to, the requirement for Ohio physicians to obtain 50 hours of Category 1 CME at the time of their license renewal. The exercise of this enforcement discretion is effective the day the State of Ohio declared an emergency, March 9, 2020, and will apply to renewals due by March 1, 2021. 	Article re: CME and Emergency Licensure State Resource Page
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensees will not be asked to report specialty board recertification or completed CME hours until the end of the next licensure biennium. 	State CME Page State Resource Page
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPOA may suspend any continuing education (C.E.) requirements for such applicants seeking a temporary license. Re: DOs - The Osteopathic Board does not have a statutory provision for the issuance of temporary licenses; however, out-of-state licensees can apply for an unrestricted license. These licenses also have continuing education requirements suspended by the Governor. 	PA Dept. of State Guidance State Resource Page
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Dakota is one of only three states that does not require any continuing medical education for physicians. 	Link State Resource Page
Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and policies are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to suspend the requirement that individuals complete or submit proof of continuing education requirements or otherwise demonstrate continuing competence as a condition of reinstating a license, certificate or registration. 	Executive Order #20 (Re: CME) State Resource Page
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Education requirements related to this renewal extension will be waived. Physician and physician assistant licensees whose current permit expired/expires on 2/28/2020 or 5/31/2020 will automatically be extended through 8/31/2020, and any late fees previously accrued will be waived. Newly licensed physicians and physician assistants whose initial registration is due in March, April, May or June of 2020 will have that due date extended to 8/31/2020 as well. 	TMB Guidance State Resource Page
Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The requirement to participate in "live" CE hours is temporarily suspended for those with license expiration dates between now and September 30, 2020. 	DOPL Notice re: CME State Resource Page
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont will allow a continuing medical education extension of up to 180 days and provide alternatives to face-to-face CME opportunities impacted by COVID-19. Online courses and training will be allowed. An extension will be granted if you are unable to complete your continuing medical education due to any of the following circumstances: 	Office of Professional Regulation Guidance

	(A) The in-person CME activity was cancelled due to COVID-19; (B) You feel your health may be at risk by attending an in-person CME activity due to the spread of COVID-19; and/or, (C) You feel your health may be at risk by the required travel to attend an in-person CME activity due to the spread of COVID-19	State Resource Page
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Virginia code provides that “The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters.” If the licensee is unable to complete all of the required 60 hours of CME due to the COVID-19 crisis, he/she will indicate this at the time of license renewal. The licensee will then be asked to explain the reasons he/she was unable to complete the 60 hours (i.e. canceled courses). 	8 VAC § 85-20-235 (G) State Resource Page
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The language of each statutory and regulatory provision specified below is hereby waived and suspended in its entirety: Barriers to continued and uninterrupted healthcare practice, including continuing education and other training requirements and license renewal deadlines. 	Proclamation 20-32 State Resource Page
Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	Resource Page
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following statutory regulations are to be suspended for the duration of the State of Emergency: ... the requirement that individuals graduating from ACGME programs have to complete 40 hours of continuing medical education prior to licensure... the requirement that physicians biennially furnish proof of completion of 32 hours of CME prior to renewal. 	Executive Order 07-20 State Resource Page
Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [No information found] 	State Resource Page