

Title: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:
CE Requirements for Pharmacist License Renewal

Policy No. I.D.19

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1. The Board's rules for continuing pharmacy education (CPE) requirements for renewal of pharmacist licensure are found in §507 – *Continuing Education Program*. The rule requires a pharmacist to acquire at least 15 hours of ACPE-accredited CPE each year to qualify for the renewal of their pharmacist license. Of those 15 hours, at least three hours must be earned via live presentation. The rule offers an alternative for those pharmacists unable or unwilling to earn at least three hours via live presentation; they shall obtain at least 20 hours of ACPE-accredited CPE each year to qualify for the renewal of their pharmacist license.
 2. During their April 2 meeting, the Board took notice of the reduced availability of live continuing pharmacy education programming due to stay-at-home orders and physical distancing requirements.
 3. The Board determined it appropriate to waive the requirement for live CE for the renewal of pharmacist licenses for Calendar Year 2021, and further, that only 15 hours of ACPE-accredited CPE shall be required to renew the license for the year 2021.
 4. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members voted to further extend this interim policy until February 28, 2021.
 5. During their February 24, 2021 meeting, the members voted to further extend this interim policy until December 31, 2021. The effect of this decision is to waive the requirement for live CE for the renewal of pharmacist licenses for Calendar Year 2022, and further, that only 15 hours of ACPE-accredited CPE shall be required to renew the license for the year 2022.