

*Title:* COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:  
Credentialing Actions

Policy No. I.D.6

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1. The Board President received information from staff with respect to several categories of credentials, as well as pending applications for various categories of credentials, scheduled to expire.
    - A. Several pharmacy intern (PNT) registrations were scheduled to expire. These interns graduated in 2019 but had not yet achieved pharmacist licensure due to their failure of one or both licensure examinations; they were scheduled to repeat those examinations.
    - B. Several pharmacy technician candidate (PTC) registrations were scheduled to expire. Some of them may have been still working to accumulate their hours of practical experience and some of them may have been waiting to take (or repeat) their certification examination.
    - C. Several controlled dangerous substance (CDS) licenses were scheduled to expire. Staff had received inquiries from some of them, citing the stay-at-home orders which were delaying, hindering, or preventing their attempts to renew their licenses.
    - D. Several applications for various credentials were scheduled to expire. Most of these applications were from pharmacy interns making their second applications for pharmacist licensure and were still trying to pass their licensure examinations
  2. The Board President took note of the temporary closure of testing centers due to stay-at-home orders and physical distancing requirements. He directed staff to temporarily extend the expiration date of all PNT and PTC registrations, CDS licenses, and applications for any credentials for all such items scheduled to expire during the months of March, April, and May 2020, and to set the new expiration date as September 30, 2020.
  3. During their May 27, 2020 meeting, the Board approved the expansion of this order to include all such items scheduled to expire at any time prior to the end of September 2020, with the temporary extension date of September 30, 2020.
  4. On August 30, the Board President took notice of the resumption of examinations for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians as well as the termination of stay-at-home orders. He directed staff to notify all persons holding PNT, PTC, and CDS

credentials or with pending applications for those credentials with temporary extensions of their original expiration dates, that the Board would not further extend those expiration dates after September 30, 2020.

5. During their November 18, 2020 meeting, the members voted to terminate this interim policy.

#### *Revision History*

11-18-2020	Added Item 5, terminating this interim policy.
08-30-2020	Added Item 4. Board President directed no further temporary extension of expiration date for items covered by this policy.