



**Temporary Waiver of Regulations to
Extend Examination Eligibility Deadlines**
Effective March 19, 2020

On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, [Executive Order 51](#), the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the agency head by Executive Order 51 (2020), I hereby extend examination eligibility deadlines established by regulations of boards under the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation that would otherwise expire during the state of emergency, until the 30th day after the date by which the state of emergency is lifted.

This waiver does not waive statutory requirements or limitations, nor does it amend any other examination eligibility provisions.

This waiver shall take effect on March 19, 2020, and shall remain in full force and in effect until June 10, 2020, unless sooner amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Examination candidates should contact their licensing board to determine how this waiver impacts them.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Broz-Vaughan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary Broz-Vaughan
DPOR Director