

NOTICES

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Guidance—Discontinuation of Renewal and Continuing Education Extensions; Notice 2021-02

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This notice is being issued to all licensees of the Insurance Department (Department) to provide information on the discontinuation of licensing renewal and continuing education extensions in this Commonwealth. This notice modifies notice 2020-06.

On March 16, 2020, in light of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in this Commonwealth, the Department issued notice 2020-06, under section 609-A of The Insurance Department Act of 1921 (40 P.S. § 310.8(e)), that temporarily extended the licensing renewal and continuing education deadlines for licensees impacted by extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19. Telework continues to be strongly encouraged and licensees have adapted to remote operations. The business interruptions that have made it difficult to complete requirements in a timely manner have been mitigated. Therefore, effective May 14, 2021, the Department will suspend the renewal and continuing education extensions and require all licensees who were granted, benefitted from, or affected by temporary continuation of license renewal deadlines, including continuing education requirements and licensing fees, to come into compliance.

License Renewals:

- All licensees with license expiration dates on or after May 14, 2021, will no longer qualify for the temporary renewal extensions granted under notice 2020-06.
- Effective May 14, 2021, the Department will no longer extend renewal deadlines for licenses that expired from March 16, 2020, through May 13, 2021. Any licensee whose license was scheduled to expire during this period should submit all requirements for renewal prior to May 14, 2021.
- All licensees who were granted, benefitted from, or affected by the temporary continuation of license renewal deadlines, including continuing education requirements and licensing fees, must come into compliance with all applicable Commonwealth insurance requirements by May 14, 2021. Failure to come into compliance with renewal requirements by the deadline will result in late fees or license expiration, or both, where applicable.
- Any licensee with insurance company appointments that remained active during the extension will terminate effective the date of the licensee's expiration date if the licensee fails to renew by May 14, 2021.
- The Department encourages individuals to take advantage of the Department's online resources to renew their license. Individuals can renew their license electronically at www.sircon.com/pennsylvania or www.nipr.com.

Continuing Education (CE):

- Any licensee with a CE requirement whose CE compliance period expires between March 16, 2020, and May 13, 2021, will be required to complete the required number of CE credits by May 14, 2021. Failure to come into compliance with renewal requirements by the deadline will result in late fees or license expiration, or both, where applicable.

- In-person classroom education approved by the Department may resume beginning May 14, 2021. Providers must adhere to all guidance and safety orders issued by Governor Tom Wolf, the Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention related to in-person operations in the Commonwealth.

- Licensees are encouraged to visit www.sircon.com/pennsylvania for information about approved CE classes and to view their CE transcript.

Individuals with questions about this notice should contact the Department at ra-in-producer@pa.gov or (717) 787-3840.

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