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EMERGENCY RULE CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PRACTICE ACT FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS

Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of the temporary rule changes to the NC Practice Act for Respiratory Care Practitioners is to alleviate potential RCP staffing shortages across the state of North Carolina during the National Emergency Declaration due to the Covid-19 virus. These FAQs are specific to the rule changes. FAQ's for the Declaratory Ruling for RCAs is on a separate list. As always, please feel free to contact the Board with questions. Be safe because RCPs are the state's number one priority when it comes to caring for patients who have contracted Covid-19.

1. Will retired, or inactive RCPs be able to come back and practice as RCPs so that they may help during the National Emergency?

Answer: Yes, the retired or inactive RCPs who were previously licensed will be able to come back to work after registering with the Board, including those that have not been practicing for over two years up to 5 years. The CEU requirements for reactivation will be waived along with payment of the late fees.

2. I am a current licensee, and I am late in paying for my license renewal. What will happen to me?

Answer: Late fees will be temporarily waived during the National Emergency. The NCRCB will reactivate late fees for licensed practitioners when the crisis ends.

3. All classes for BLS certificates have been cancelled. Is this still going to be a requirement to get my license or have it renewed?

Answer: No. The BLS renewals will be waived until classes can be resumed, or the updated BLS card is not due until your next renewal. For example, if your BLS needs to be renewed in April, you will not need to renew it until your next license renewal date in 2021.



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4. Given I am working during the National Emergency, how can I complete my CEU's if I am working more than usual, and most seminars have been canceled?

Answer: CEU requirements will be waived during the national emergency, and the NCRCB will determine when the requirements will be reinstated. Random audits will not be done during the national emergency.

5. How long will the temporary rules last?

Answer: A temporary rule expires in 270 days from the date it was published in the North Carolina Register unless a permanent rule is adopted to replace the temporary rule. The rules expire on February 28, 2021.

6. Do I have to maintain my license and credentials during the emergency?

Answer: Yes.