



Notice of Adoption of Emergency Regulation on Nurse Aide Certification Renewal Date in The Regulations of the Board of Nursing

Emergency Regulations - FAQ

April 2020

1. What is the purpose of the emergency regulations? What will this regulation do?

On March 26, 2020, the Alaska Board of Nursing (Board) adopted and finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250 and that an emergency regulation change is necessary to 12 AAC 44.815(a), dealing with nurse aide certification renewal date, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

The restrictive nature of this regulation could negatively impact the health of the public by decreasing healthcare worker availability during this public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This emergency regulation will extend the nurse aide renewal date.

2. What are the costs to comply with the emergency regulations?

None known.

3. Nurse aide certification renewal ended on March 31, 2020, how long is it extended for?

July 23, 2020.

4. I paid already to renew my CNA certification renewal before March 31, 2020, do I have to renew it again before July 23, 2020?

No. Your CNA certification will be renewed and will be good until March 31, 2022.

5. When will the emergency regulations be effective?

The emergency regulation took effect on **March 26, 2020**, and will expire **July 23, 2020** (120 days) unless made permanent by the Board. The Board intends to make the emergency regulations permanent.

This emergency regulation is entering a public comment period. The Board encourages all licensees and interested parties to comment on this emergency regulation. After public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration.

After Board action, and no changes made to the original emergency regulations, the permanent regulations goes to Dept. of Law (DOL) for final review and forwarded to the Lt. Governor for filing before the expiration date of the emergency regulations.

However, after Board action, and if changes were made to the original emergency regulations, the adopted amended emergency regulations goes to DOL for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves the changes made to the original emergency regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Permanent regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.