

Kevin Meyer  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811  
907.465.3520  
WWW.LTGOV.ALASKA.GOV




530 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 1700  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
907.269.7460 269.0263  
LT.GOVERNOR@ALASKA.GOV

**OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
ALASKA**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Amy Demboski  
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

**FROM:** April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor   
465.4081

**DATE:** November 20, 2020

**RE:** Filed Emergency Regulations: Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate  
Examiners

Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners Emergency Regulation re:  
emergency courtesy license (12 AAC 60)

---

Attorney General File:	Emergency Regulations
Regulation Filed:	11/20/2020
Effective Date:	11/20/2020
Expiration Date:	March 19, 2021 unless made permanent by the adopting agency
Print:	236, January 2021

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law  
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis  
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

## FINDING OF EMERGENCY

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250, and that an emergency regulation change is necessary to 12 AAC 60, dealing with emergency courtesy license, requiring regulations to enable additional psychology services to be quickly available in the state, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

- Mental health challenges related to increased morbidity and mortality
- Mental health challenges related to enforced or recommended quarantining, particularly for individuals and families who have limited flexibility in their employment situation
- Disproportionate effects in specific populations including historically vulnerable populations and communities underserved by social services
- Worsening mental health outcomes including increased rates of suicidal ideation, suicide, addiction, and substance abuse
- Mental and physical health effects from long-term physical distancing, including delays in preventive care
- Challenges related to treatment of lingering debilitating symptoms in “long haulers”
- Anticipated challenges in availability and delivery of vaccine

### ORDER CERTIFYING ADOPTION

I certify that the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, under the authority of AS 08.01.062, AS 08.86.070, and AS 08.86.080, adopted at its November 5, 2020 teleconference meeting the attached two pages of regulation changes as an emergency regulation to take effect immediately upon filing by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180(3).

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: Nov 16 2020  
Anchorage, Alaska

  
Christina Durham, Chair  
Board of Psychologist and Psychological  
Associate Examiners

Anil Simpson for

### FILING CERTIFICATION

I, <sup>↑</sup>Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on November 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., I filed the attached regulation according to the provisions of AS 44.62.

for Anil Simpson  
Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: November 20, 2020

Register: 236, January 2021

Expires March 19, 2021  
unless made "permanent"  
by the adopting agency

**FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY**

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,  
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act  
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff  
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator  
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of  
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,  
2018.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Meyer", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**KEVIN MEYER  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

## EMERGENCY REGULATION

Register 236, January 2021 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

### Chapter 60. Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners.

12 AAC 60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**12 AAC 60.036. Emergency courtesy license.** (a) In an urgent situation, the board may issue an emergency courtesy license to practice psychology to an applicant who has a license in good standing to practice psychology independently in another jurisdiction with licensing requirements at least equivalent to those of this state, and who meets the requirements of this section.

(b) The board may limit the scope of a license issued under this section, as appropriate to respond to the urgent situation.

(c) An applicant for an emergency courtesy license under this section must submit to the department a completed application on a form provided by the department. A complete application includes the applicable application and licensing fees established in 12 AAC 02.330.

(d) An emergency courtesy license issued under this section is valid for the period specified by the board and may not exceed 120 consecutive days. An emergency courtesy license may be renewed for one additional period specified by the board, not to exceed 120 consecutive days.

(e) Licensee will comply with reporting requirements by completing a form provided by the board.

(f) While practicing under an emergency courtesy license issued under this section, the holder of the license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.86 and this chapter and is subject to discipline for actions taken or omitted while practicing under the

## EMERGENCY REGULATION

Register 236, January 2021 **PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS**

emergency courtesy license.

(g) The board may refuse to issue an emergency courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.01.075 and AS 08.86.204.

(h) In this section, "urgent situation" means a health crisis that requires increased availability of psychologists. (Eff. 11 / 20 / 2020, Register 236 )

**Authority:** AS 08.01.062 AS 08.86.070 AS 08.86.080

Excerpt from the Draft Minutes of the  
November 5, 2020 Teleconference Meeting of the  
Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners

Emergency regulations dealing with emergency courtesy license – 12 AAC 60.036:

The Board finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250, and that an emergency regulation change is necessary to 12 AAC 60, dealing with emergency courtesy license, requiring regulations to enable additional psychology services to be quickly available in the state, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

- Mental health challenges related to increased morbidity and mortality
- Mental health challenges related to enforced or recommended quarantining, particularly for individuals and families who have limited flexibility in their employment situation
- Disproportionate effects in specific populations including historically vulnerable populations and communities underserved by social services
- Worsening mental health outcomes including increased rates of suicidal ideation, suicide, addiction, and substance abuse
- Mental and physical health effects from long-term physical distancing, including delays in preventive care
- Challenges related to treatment of lingering debilitating symptoms in “long haulers”
- Anticipated challenges in availability and delivery of vaccine

In a motion duly made by Allen Levy and seconded by Bernard Gatewood, with unanimous consent, it was

**RESOLVED** to adopt 12 AAC 60.036 as presented and amended, with the intent to make the emergency regulation permanent.

**The motion passed with no further discussion.**

## AFFIDAVIT OF BOARD ACTION

I, Lacey Derr, Licensing Supervisor for the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion dealing with emergency courtesy license was passed by the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners during its November 5, 2020 teleconference meeting.

Date: 11/16/2020  
Juneau, Alaska

Lacey R Derr  
Lacey Derr Licensing Supervisor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 16 day of November, 2020.



Fannie R Hoffard  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Alaska  
My commission expires: with my office