



GOVERNOR WALZ EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 20- 23 MARCH 27, 2020

Temporary Deferral of Fingerprinting Requirement for Applicants for Licensure by The Health-Related Licensing Boards

During the COVID-19 healthcare crisis, finding fingerprinting locations has been a challenge. The Minnesota Health Related Licensing Boards (HLBs), which includes the Board of Pharmacy, have worked with Governor Walz's office to find a solution that will facilitate licensing of healthcare professionals throughout the crisis. The Health-Related Licensing Board Criminal Background Check Program Office (CBCPO) is working to implement these changes and has contacted all HLB applicants for licensure to provide a new background check informational packet.

- The Executive Order ***temporarily defers*** but ***does not waive*** the fingerprinting step of the criminal background check (CBC). This waiver is intended to provide an opportunity for applicants to be approved for licensure when the only requirement remaining is the fingerprint-based CBC.
- The temporary CBC will be both a state and federal background check, based on Name and Date of Birth.
- This temporary deferral process will be in place until the Minnesota Peacetime State of Emergency ends.
- Following the end of the state of emergency, individuals licensed under the temporary, Name and Date of Birth CBC process, will be notified by the HLB CBCPO to complete the required fingerprinting background check step. That date is to be determined following the end of the state of emergency.
- The current \$33.25 CBC fee will continue to be submitted with the licensure application fee at time of application.

For more information contact the Minnesota Health Related Licensing Boards Criminal Background Check Program Office. <https://mn.gov/boards/cbc/>