Attention: Continuing Education Providers
Re: Temporary Waiver of Application Submission Deadline
Date: March 30, 2020

Regulatory Guidance 20-03
Issued March 30, 2020

Authority.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed Executive Order 20-01, declaring a peacetime emergency related to COVID-19.

On March 28, 2020, Governor Tim Walz signed House File 4531, authorizing Commissioner of Commerce Steve Kelley (“Commissioner”) to delay, stay, or waive the following licensing, investigative and other deadlines related to the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner and regulated entities required to effectively continue the business of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and to assist regulated entities during the current peacetime emergency.

In light of the challenges related to the COVID-19 virus, the Commissioner of Commerce has issued an Order granting waivers and temporary extensions of certain filing deadlines.

Guidance.

The Commerce Department is implementing temporary, emergency procedures in regard to continuing education course submissions. The Department is temporarily waiving the requirement for courses to be submitted at least 30 days before the proposed initial course offering under Minn. Stat. §45.30 Subd. 6(b).

Commerce staff will continue to review course submissions in the order in which they are received.

While the Department is waiving this deadline for application submission, continuing education providers should exercise good judgement when scheduling course offerings for courses not yet approved by the Department.

Continuing education providers should submit as far in advance of the initial course offering as possible.

Questions.

Individual questions are best directed to licensing.commerce@state.mn.us. Commerce staff are responding as soon as possible to written inquiries from all regulated license types.
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