

DCA implements temporary CEU waiver

The Department of Consumer Affairs, which serves Californian consumers through the oversight, regulation and administration of more than 3.9 million licenses in various disciplines, issued a temporary order to waive certain statutory license renewal requirements, including Continuing Education Requirements for Psychiatric Technicians. The waiver came in response to the governor's March 4 State of Emergency declaration and Executive Orders to help increase the response to and mitigate the impact and spread of COVID-19.

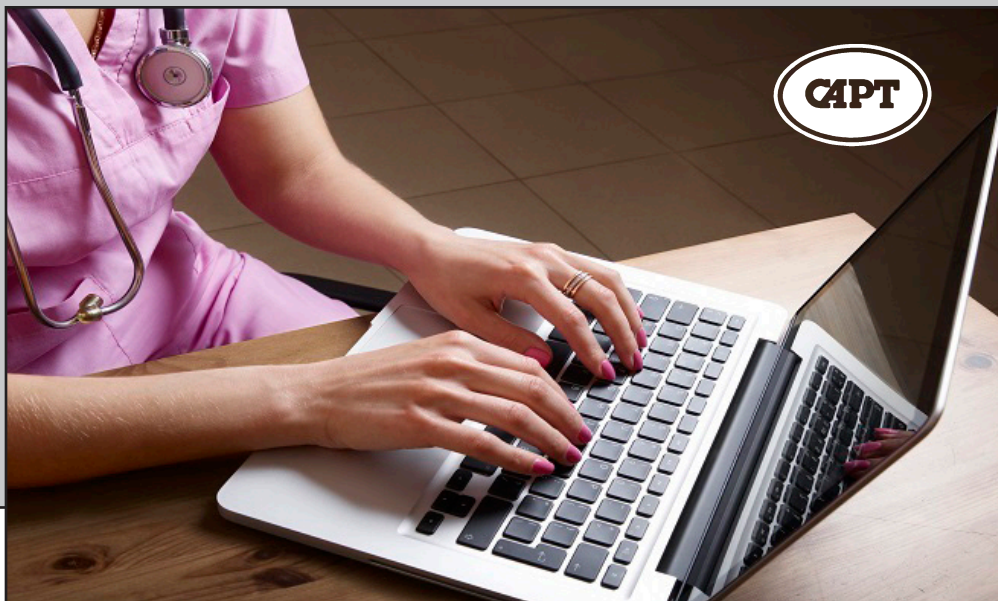
For individuals whose active licenses expire between **March 31, 2020, and June 30, 2020**, including Psychiatric Technicians, the director of the DCA, effective immediately, temporarily waives:

- 1. any statutory or regulatory requirement that individuals renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code take and pass an examination in order to renew a license; and,*
- 2. any statutory or regulatory requirement that an individual renewing a license pursuant to Division 2 of the Code complete, or demonstrate compliance with, any continuing education requirements in order to renew a license.*

These temporary waivers do not apply to any Psych Tech who has a continuing education, training, or examination required pursuant to a disciplinary order against his or her license.

The waivers do not relieve licensees from the timely compliance with other renewal requirements, including submitting the relevant renewal forms with the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Additionally, waived renewal requirements must be satisfied within six months of March 31, 2020, unless the temporary waiver is extended further.

Please note that these waivers are subject to change and amendments as circumstances require. Please consult your local chapter for the latest updates and assistance.



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