

Order Extending Time Limitation as a Registered Psychological Assistant

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Board of Psychology's (Board) authority under Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) section 1391.1(b), on April 17, 2020, the Board found a showing of good cause, and has reasonably modified the cumulative time limitation for registration as a psychological assistant:

For registered psychological assistants who, after March 4, 2020, through the duration of the declared emergency, reach the 72-month limitations set in 16 CCR section 1391.1(b), the Board extends the time limitations to hold a registration for an additional 6 months from the end date of the unmodified time limitation period.

Accordingly, 16 CCR section 1391.1(b) has been temporarily modified as follows (changes are in bold):

CCR Section 1391.1(b)

(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years **and six months (78 months)**. Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years **and six months (78 months)** from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

This temporary waiver does not apply to any registrant who reached the cumulative time limitation for registration as a psychological assistant prior to March 4, 2020, or after the end of the declared emergency.

Dated: April 20, 2020

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Board of Psychology