



Iowa Board of Social Work Emergency Proclamation Guidelines

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued a Proclamation of Emergency Disaster. In this Proclamation, Governor Reynolds temporarily suspended a number of regulatory provisions applicable to various professions. The full text of the Proclamation is available on the Governor's website. The Board issues the following guidance regarding the Proclamation:

License Renewal

The Board office is still processing renewals at this time. Licensees are not required to renew for the duration of the Proclamation. Licensees who wish to renew as scheduled are encouraged to renew using the online system. You will have 60 days after the Proclamation expires to renew your license without penalty.

Continuing Education

Licensees will have until June 30, 2021 to complete the continuing education required for license renewal for licenses set to expire on December 31, 2020. Licensees may renew prior to completing the required continuing education. In order to complete the renewal application, licensees will need to attest to completion of the required continuing education. Licensees should attest to the completion of the required hours if they have completed, or plan to complete, the required continuing education by June 30, 2021.

Licensees are reminded that all of the required continuing education may be obtained online.

Supervision Requirements

Licensees who begin their period of supervised professional practice for licensure at the independent level while the Proclamation is in effect are not required to have their first supervision meeting in person. Licensees are already permitted to have the remaining supervision meetings via electronic means.

Out-of-state Social Workers

For the duration of the Proclamation, individuals who are licensed as social workers in another state, whose license is in good standing, may provide services to Iowans through electronic means without obtaining a license from the Board.