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COVID-19 EMERGENCY POLICY RELATED TO
CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

For the duration of the declared State of Emergency secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic, for all regulated professions under the umbrella of the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR)¹ that require continuing professional education as a condition of license renewal:

- (a) Remote continuing education may be substituted for live continuing education. Regulations to the contrary are suspended.
- (b) Continuing education courses approved for live instruction may be adapted by course providers for remote presentation, whether online or via correspondence, real-time or asynchronous. Providers need not seek re-approval or otherwise notify OPR before adapting remote courses. OPR trusts course providers to preserve the rigor and educational integrity of approved courses.
- (c) Licensees are asked to make reasonable efforts to meet continuing education requirements on time; however, OPR will [grant](#) continuing-education extensions as a matter of course when necessary to allow a licensee to renew on time.

¹ Regulatory programs attached to OPR are listed at [3 V.S.A. § 122](#). OPR does not license podiatrists, physician assistants, allopathic physicians, anesthesia assistants, professional educators, or tradespeople such as plumbers and electricians. OPR-licensed Real Estate Appraisers must ensure compliance with requirements of the Appraisal Qualifications Board.