

**New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department
Boards and Commission Division
2550 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87504**

**THIS NOTICE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS WARRANTED BY THE
CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

March 16, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PROCESS AND
PROCEDURES DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY
GOVERNOR LUJAN GRISHAM
ON MARCH 12, 2020 IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-004**

1. Concerns related to COVID-19 regarding renewals or continuing education deadlines that are codified in a rule or statute, must be communicated in writing to the appropriate board or commission through the process listed below.
2. The Boards and Commissions staff shall track all questions and concerns regarding licensure, related to COVID-19.
3. The Boards and Commissions staff will communicate these questions and concerns to each appropriate board or commission as they are received.
4. Therefore, all requests for exceptions to application or licensure requirements related to COVID-19 must be submitted to the appropriate board or commission in writing.
5. Communications must be sent to the appropriate board administrator, secretary, or director email address on the list below, or via U. S. Mail to the mailing address above.
6. Individual board or commission websites are located at the following internet link: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/boards/> or listed below.
7. All correspondence must contain the name, address, phone number of the applicant or licensee, and license number, if any, of the licensee.
8. Callers with questions or concerns related to COVID-19 or requesting an exception to any licensure requirements due to COVID-19 concerns, will be directed to send their concerns in writing to the appropriate board or commission email address, to ensure that all matters are properly tracked and submitted to the appropriate board or commission.

9. The Boards and Commissions staff have no authority to make any exceptions to board or commission requirements on behalf of the board or commission. Boards and Commissions staff will communicate all written concerns to the appropriate board or commission.
10. The appropriate board or commission will address all concerns on a case by case basis at its next board or commission meeting.
11. All follow-up questions must also be submitted in writing.
12. All board or commission meetings must comply with the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4.
13. Decisions to schedule, postpone or reschedule board or commission meetings during the pendency of Executive Order 2020-004 shall be made only by the board or commission chair. Boards and Commissions staff cannot make a decision to schedule, postpone or reschedule open meetings.
14. If a board or commission decides to proceed with an in-person meeting because it has time sensitive matters to attend to, all efforts must be made to accommodate the public either via a webcast where members of the public may listen and comment live. If a board decides to proceed with a virtual meeting because it has time sensitive matters to attend to, it may do so only after making arrangements for members of the public to attend in person, or via webcast.
15. Please find a copy of Executive Order 2020-004 at the following Internet link:

<http://cv.nmhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-2020-004.pdf>
16. The Department of Economic Security has issued the following guidance related to small businesses and the COVID-19 health emergency:

<https://gonm.biz/about-us/covid-19-response>
17. For the latest updates on COVID-19, please check the Department of Health website at the following Internet link:

<https://cv.nmhealth.org/>

The Boards and Commissions staff understands that these procedures may be inconvenient or burdensome, however the safety of the public is of greatest concern. Thank you.

Priscilla Garcia, Director
Boards and Commissions

Board Name

New Mexico Public Accountancy Board
Board of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
New Mexico Athletic Commission
Athletic Trainer Practice Board
Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists
Board of Body Art Practitioners
Counseling and Therapy Practice Board
Chiropractic Board
New Mexico Board of Dental Health Care
Board of Funeral Services
Interior Design Board
Board of Landscape Architects
Massage Therapy Board
Board of Nursing Home Administrators
Nutrition and Dietetic Practice Board
Board of Examiners for Occupational Therapy
Board of Optometry
Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Physical Therapy Board
Podiatry Board
Private Investigations Advisory Board
New Mexico State Board of Psychologist Examiners
Real Estate Appraisers Board
New Mexico Real Estate Commission
Advisory Board of Respiratory Practitioners
Signed Language Interpreting Practices Board
Board of Social Work Examiners
New Mexico Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing
Aid Dispensing Practices Board

Board E-Mail

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Acuormedboard@state.nm.us
Athletic.commission@state.nm.us
Athletic.trainers@state.nm.us
Barber.cosmboard@state.nm.us
nmbody.art@state.nm.us
chiropractic.board@state.nm.us
counselingboard@state.nm.us
dental.board@state.nm.us
funeral.board@state.nm.us
Interior.design@state.nm.us
landscape.architectsbd@state.nm.us
message.board@state.nm.us
nursinghome.adminbd@state.nm.us
nutritiondieteticsbd@state.nm.us
occupationaltherapy@state.nm.us
Optometry.bd@state.nm.us
Osteo.board@state.nm.us
physical.therapy@state.nm.us
podiatryboard@state.nm.us
Pipolygraphbd@state.nm.us
Psychologist.examiners@state.nm.us
nm.reab@state.nm.us
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