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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 4, 2021  
**From:** Anne L. Head, Commissioner, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR)  
**Re:** *Executive Order 29 FY 20/21, An Order Amending Executive Order 35 FY 19/20 and Reinstating Certain Licensing Requirements*

Governor Janet Mills signed an Executive Order on Feb 3, 2021 which will end the waiver of certain provisions of Maine's occupational and professional licensing statutes.

By way of background, in April 2020, the Governor signed [Executive Order 35 FY19/20](#) ("EO 35"), temporarily extending the expiration dates for certain OPOR licenses in order to facilitate health and veterinary care during the state of civil emergency. Executive Order 35 was issued at a time of lockdown, when the use of telehealth and remote learning was not readily available.

The extension of license expiration dates is no longer necessary, as health care practices have reopened to patient care either in-person or virtually, continuing education courses are available through remote means, and OPOR licensees can complete their license renewals [online](#).

- [Executive Order 29 FY 20/21](#) ends the extension of certain license expiration dates. If your license was due to expire on or after March 15, 2020 and your license expiration date was extended by EO 35, your license must be renewed by March 20, 2021 in order to avoid a gap in licensure.
- *Executive Order 29 FY 20/21 makes no change to EO 35's March 21, 2021 expiration date of the continuing education waiver. For those licensees with continuing education requirements:*

EO 35 provided that certain licensees who held an active license scheduled to expire on or before March 20, 2021 could renew that license without satisfying required continuing education requirements. That waiver will expire on March 20, 2021.

If your license renewal date is after March 20, 2021 and you are concerned that you will not have accrued enough continuing education credits to satisfy your license's continuing education renewal requirements, we encourage you to renew your license prior to March 20, 2021. If you renew after March 20, 2021 and are not able to satisfy continuing education due to the impacts of the public health emergency, you may request a hardship deferment from your board at the time of renewal.

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact your board's administrator. You can contact your administrator via this link <https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions>. You can renew your license online at this link: <https://licensing.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/licensing/index.pl>

We understand that this has been a difficult year and, like you, we look forward to the end of these tumultuous times. We thank you for all that you do to keep yourself, your community and your clients safe and healthy.