

## Temporary Rules due to COVID-19

### **21 NCAC 63 .0810 WAIVER**

In light of the State of National Emergency declared by President Trump as a result of the COVID-19 Virus, the Board has determined to waive certain provisions in its rules during a disaster declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor, a National Emergency declaration by the President of the United States, or a state of emergency declaration issued under G.S. 166A-19.3(19), as set forth in this Rule:

- (1) The Board shall waive the requirement for licensure set forth in 21 NCAC 63 .0211(a)(4) that requires preapproval by the Board to engage in more than 20 hours of supervision provided through the use of technology. This waiver will allow for up to half of the required supervision hours to be provided through the use of technology.
- (2) The Board shall waive the requirement for licensure set forth in 21 NCAC 63 .0301 that requires applicants for licensure to pass the qualifying examination within two years of the initial application. An applicant who is unable to take the licensing examination prior to the expiration of the associate license due to the testing service locations being closed shall make a written request to the Board for an extension of time to take the licensing examination. The Board shall provide a limited extension of the licensee's associate license and grant each associate licensee an extension to take the licensing examination until December 31, 2020.
- (3) The Board shall waive the requirement for licensure set forth in 21 NCAC 63 .0401(c)(4) that allows for half of the required continuing education accepted as distance learning and shall permit all hours for renewal to be accepted through distance learning that meet the requirements of 21 NCAC 63 .0401. A minimum of four contact hours of distance learning continuing education shall be focused on ethics related to social work practice and ethical decision making.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90B-6;  
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