

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by Proclamation, dated March 14, 2020, issued by Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, a state of emergency was declared pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11, to address the high risk for an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, identified as COVID-19, in the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation has invoked the emergency powers of the Governor pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section §33-15-11(c)(1) to temporarily suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute, rule or regulation of a state agency which would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology ("Board"), as an agency of the state of Mississippi charged with the regulation of the cosmetology, esthetics, and manicuring, wishes to comply with the Governor's proclamation and take those steps to assist its licensees, including licensed instructors, in protecting the public from the spread of infection; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency instituted by the Governor on March 14, 2020, remains in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-7-15 (5), licensed instructors must obtain biennially twenty-four (24) clock hours of continuing education in teacher training instruction to renew their instructors license in an active status; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Board Rule 6.2 (A), licensed instructors must obtain twenty-four (24) Continuing Education in Instructor Training ("CEIT") hours per biennial period, including attending at least one mandatory Board sanctioned methods of teaching seminar earning a minimum of five (5) continuing education hours, to renew their instructor's license in an active status; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1551 encourages all Mississippians to follow the CDC Guidelines and the Mississippi State Department of Health Guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19, including avoiding large gatherings, especially indoor gatherings, and to maintain social distancing between persons not in your household; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that there is an extremely limited opportunity to obtain, through online course instruction, the required twenty-four (24) CEIT hours per biennial period.

NOW THEREFOR, the provisions of Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-7- 15 (5) and the provisions of Board Rule 6.2 (A) are hereby suspended, as applicable to the year 2020, and for the year 2021, until June 30, 2022, whereas all renewals will need no less than twelve (12) CEIT hours through December 31, 2022. The mandatory methods of teaching seminar earning a minimum of five (5) CE hours is also hereby suspended through December 31, 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, Miss. Code Ann, Section 73-7-15 (5) and Board Rule 6.2 (A) will be reinstated and applicable.

SO ORDERED AND APPROVED by the Mississippi State Board of Cosmetology, as of September 27, 2021.

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Deborah Coker, President