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North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists

To: North Carolina Licensed Geologists
From: North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists
Date: April 1, 2020
Re: Notice Regarding Covid-19 and Continuing Education

Dear Licensees,

The North Carolina Board for Licensing of Geologists (the “Board”) met on March 31, 2020 to discuss the continuing education requirement as a condition of renewal, for the 2020-2021 term, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Based on the Board’s statutory authority over standards for licensing as established in North Carolina General Statute §89E-5(i) and its regulatory framework under 21 NCAC 21 .0407 (5) of the North Carolina Administrative Code, ***the Board voted unanimously to waive continuing education requirements for the 2019-2020 renewal period*** to be used for the 2020-2021 renewal. Current North Carolina licensees are granted an exemption from continuing education for the 2019-2020 term based on the extenuating circumstances originating from COVID-19.

This exemption applies to all licensees, and licensees are not required to provide any written request or supporting documentation to exercise this exemption. All other requirements for licensure including licensing fees remain in effect. Licensees remain bound by their statutory and regulatory obligations as well as the rules of professional responsibility. The exemption applies to all those licensed by the North Carolina Board of Licensed Geologist regardless of where the licensee currently resides or practices.

Licensees may carry over up to 24 credit hours (12+12) to the 2020-2021 license renewal period. All carry over hours from 2018-2019 shall remain for the 2020-2021 renewal period. Any licensee who has taken continuing education hours during 2019-20 term and/or has carry over from the 2018-2019 term and would like to report those credit hours for the 2020-2021 renewal period, should report the hours using the Continuing Education Activity Log when renewing the license, due June 30, 2020. Those hours will then be carried over to the 2020-2021 term, to be used for the 2021-2022 license renewal. Licensees are hereby notified that credits carried over from 2018-2019 will be valid for the 2020-2021 term but will not be carried over past that term.

The Board office is currently closed to the public, but staff continues to work normal business hours to maintain the daily operations of the Board and to protect the health and safety of the citizens of North Carolina. Please feel free to contact us.

For more information about COVID-19 and what you can do to stay healthy, visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and [NC DHHS](#).

Sincerely,

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