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## Extension of License Expirations Per Governor's Orders

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**To:** Individuals and Companies Licensed by the Department of Labor Standards

**cc:** Rosalin Acosta, Secretary

**From:** Michael Flanagan, Director

**Date:** May 12, 2020

**Subject:** Department of Labor Standards policy in accordance with Governor Baker's  
Extension of Professional and Business Licenses Orders on March 18 and March 26, 2020

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**Purpose:** To notify licensed individuals and businesses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other relevant stakeholders of new guidance related to the extension of license expirations for 90 days after the state of emergency is terminated.

**Background:** On March 18, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order stating, "Any occupational license, certificate or registration issued by a state agency or any board of registration or division with licensing authority within in a state agency to an individual person not covered by [previous orders] that is in good standing as of the date of this Order and that has expired or will expire during the state of emergency, is hereby extended and shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency."

On March 26, 2020 Governor Baker issued COVID-19 Order No. 18 stating, "Any professional license, certificate, or registration issued by a state agency or any board of registration or division or licensing authority within in a state agency to any for-profit or non-profit business or organization not covered by [previous orders] that is in good standing as of the date of this Order and that has expired, or will expire, during the state of emergency, is hereby extended and shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency."

For purposes of the Orders, "in good standing" shall include a license, certificate, or registration that is subject to probation or non-disciplinary conditions, but shall not include a license,

certificate, or registration that is revoked, cancelled, surrendered, suspended, or subject to disciplinary restrictions.

Accordingly, the Department of Labor Standards, under its existing authority, is issuing the following policy guidance in order to provide additional clarification of existing or new policy requirements in adherence of the Governor's Executive Orders.

**Policy:** Per the Governor's Orders "Extending the Registrations of Certain Licensed Professionals" and "Order Extending Certain Professional Licenses, Permits, and Registrations Issued by Commonwealth Agencies" the Department of Labor Standards (DLS) extends all licenses, registrations and certifications issued by the agency by 90 days after the state of emergency is declared over.

Any individual or company licensed, certified or registered by DLS whose expiration occurs after March 10<sup>th</sup> will not be required to renew their license until 90 days after the state of emergency is declared over.

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Companies and individuals whose license, registration and/or certificate have expired since March 10, 2020 may continue to operate as if their license had not expired. All requirements of renewal will remain in effect, except that training requirements are also extended until 90 days after the state of emergency is declared over.

DLS reserves the right to exercise disciplinary oversight of those licenses and certificates it has regulatory jurisdiction over.

Companies and individuals may elect to submit their renewal applications. Renewal applications must be submitted by mail and payment made by credit card or ACH (electronic transfer). Follow the links below to submit your renewal:

- Deleading and Lead Safe Renovation – <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-lead-safe-renovation-or-deleading-license>
- Asbestos Safety – <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-an-asbestos-removal-license>
- Professional Employer Organizations – <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/applications-for-registration-of-peos>
- Employment, Placement and Staffing Agencies – <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/online-registrationlicensing-of-agencies>
- **Payment For Renewals** – <https://www.ncourt.com/x-press/x-onlinepayments.aspx?juris=95E1BBF5-F72C-4091-BC6F-3CBFF2E97EC2>