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## **MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF HOME INSPECTORS**

### **GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF DISTANCE/ONLINE TOOLS FOR EDUCATION DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**Adopted February 10, 2021**

In light of the State of Emergency declared on March 10, 2020, the Board of Registration of Home Inspectors (“Board”) has voted to adopt the following guidelines for use by approved educational providers in moving education to a distance/online platform to ensure minimal disruption to students. This applies to pre-licensure education (education used to obtain a license).

Per this policy, educational providers may use distance/online platforms for the provision of pre-licensure education so long as the following conditions are met:

1. The educational provider must submit the curriculum and all materials to be utilized for purposes of distance/online pre-licensure education to the Board;
2. The educational provider must be in good standing;
3. The platform utilized for distance/online education must be a live and an interactive format; and
4. The instructor maintains an attendance roster which includes verifying 100% classroom attendance by, for example, taking attendance at various established times during the course.

The educational provider must send an electronic communication to the Board via email at [homeinspectorsboard@mass.gov](mailto:homeinspectorsboard@mass.gov) describing the platform, curriculum, materials to be utilized for distance/online education, and verifying all other conditions of this policy have been met. The use of distance/online education for pre-licensure is subject to approval of the Board.

Absent special Board action, this policy and any approval associated with it shall expire 90 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.