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TO: All Licensees under the Board of Real Estate Appraisers
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RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In response to the state of emergency declared by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, the Board of Real Estate Appraisers ("Board") has prepared the **temporary** guidance below for all holders of Board-issued licenses and certificates. **When the state of emergency ends, this temporary guidance will no longer be in effect.**

This temporary guidance has also been prepared in response to Governor Baker's March 18, 2020 Executive Order Extending the Registrations of Certain Licensed Professionals and the March 26, 2020 Executive Order Extending the Registrations of Certain Professional Licenses, Permits and Registrations Issued by Massachusetts Agencies (together, the "Executive Orders").

- 1) License Renewal: Pursuant to the Executive Orders, any license or certificate issued by the Board which, during the state of emergency, has expired or will expire but is otherwise in good standing, is hereby extended and shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the state of emergency.
- 2) Continuing Education: The Board has determined that licenses that are extended under the Executive Orders for 90 days may also complete continuing education required for their renewal within 90 days following the end of the state of emergency.
- 3) Distance Education: Following federal guidance, the Board will allow Continuing Education courses that were originally designed to be presented in-person in a classroom setting to be offered remotely via Distance Education, on the following conditions:
 - a. The course must be currently approved for in-person classroom presentation;
 - b. The platform utilized for Distance Education must be live and interactive;
 - c. The instructor must verify photo identification of each student; and
 - d. The instructor must maintain an attendance roster, which includes verifying attendance for 100% of the instructional hours by taking attendance multiple times during the course.

