



Ohio

Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board

November 30, 2020 : Important message regarding Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional licenses or certificate holders with renewal dates during the state of emergency in Ohio due to COVID19 and enactment of HB 404.

Recent legislation, House Bill 404, has created a new extended the deadline of all licenses issued by the state of Ohio due to expire from the time period of 3/9/2020 to 4/1/2021 until 7/1/2021. As a result, the expiration date for all OCDP licensees/certificate holders (except RA who do not hold renewable credentials) due to expire from during this time frame will be adjusted in the Ohio eLicense system beginning Wednesday . No refunds for previous renewals or applications will be given.

Although the deadline to renew has been extended , we encourage you to move forward with your renewal . The expiration date will remain two years after your **original expiration date** regardless of when you renew within this extension period. Waiting to renew may give you less time in between your renewals to obtain the needed CEUs (you can only count CEUs obtained after your last renewal for your *next* renewal).

For Active Status Licenses: Currently all licensees with a renewal date of March 9, 2020 to April 1, 2021 will receive an extension through July 1, 2021. No late fees will be charged during this time, but once renewed the license will expire 2 years from the **original** expiration date.

For Inactive Status Licensees within their 2- year grace period: These grace periods have also been extended for anyone whose two-year grace period was to end between December 2, 2020 and April 1, 2021. This extension allows individuals more time to get the required education hours to renew, but again because they were previously due to fully expire a late fee will be charged at the time. Licensees in this group who DO NOT RENEW by the extended deadline will become EXPIRED and will have to re-apply for a license.

For CDCA- Pre within their one-year grace period that was due to expire on 12/1/2020 – 4/1/2021 will also have an extension of their grace period to move up to the CDCA renewable within the HB404 guidelines. Once that extension is over, CDCA- Pre that do not move up to their CDCA will have to begin again by re-applying for a CDCA-Pre.

For Inactive Status/Escrow Licenses: A license that is due to expire from inactivate escrow status beginning on March 9, 2020 through December 1, 2020 is no longer eligible for renewal. The licensee must re-apply for a license. A license that is due to expire from inactive escrow status beginning 12/1/2020 through 4/1/2021 will have additional time with a 7/1/2021 deadline extension to be renewed. The renewal time frame will be 2 years from the date the license is renewed. If not renewed as of 7/1/2021, these licenses will become fully expired, and would have to reapply for a license.

Converting to a higher license: Those who have a current active license and wish to convert to a higher license, must submit and pay for the conversion application a minimum of 30 days prior to the original expiration date, not the extended license expiration date.. Otherwise, they must complete the renewal of the current license before the board can convert to a higher license.

If you have any questions about renewing please visit <https://www.ocdp.ohio.gov/Online> Preferred browser is Google Chrome. Please note NO RENEWAL REMINDERS will be emailed during this extension period so you should check on elicense.ohio.gov regarding your expiration date. All other questions may be directed to info@ocdp.ohio.gov

Sincerely,

The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board