

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-07

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, all counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, *et al.*, as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Florida Real Estate Commission adopted its Order Establishing Hardship Exemption and Extending Deadline for End of Course Examinations and determined this emergency has presented numerous, extraordinary hardships to those persons who are either candidates for licensure or currently licensed as Real Estate Professionals in Florida; and

WHEREAS, in its Order, the Commission determined the existence of a universal hardship situation affecting the ability of all persons enrolled in Pre- or Post- Licensure

Education Courses to take final end-of-course examinations, such examinations being necessary for the successful completion of the course and for eligibility for state licensure or licensure renewal; and

WHEREAS, in its Order, the Commission provided that students may attempt the final end-of-course examination at any time between completion of the instructional portion of the course and December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“the Department”) to implement the Commission’s Order, it is necessary to extend the related renewal deadlines for the affected licensees;

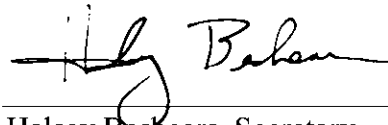
NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALSEY BESHEARS, Secretary of Florida’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State’s emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory provisions related to the Department. Therefore, I order the following:

1. For the holder of any license issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission with an existing renewal deadline falling within June 2020 through December 2020, the existing renewal deadline is suspended through December 31, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order. No late fee shall be assessed on an eligible license renewal during this period.

2. The existing condition of renewal related to the completion of required hours of continuing education for a license with an existing renewal deadline extended by this Order, is suspended through December 31, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.
3. This Emergency Order shall take effect on the date of its filing.

Executed this 31st day of May, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Filed on this date, with
the designated Agency Clerk,
receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.


Agency Clerk's Office

Date: May 31, 2020