



Ohio

Chemical Dependency  
Professionals Board

**Important message regarding Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional licenses or certificate holders with renewal dates during the state of emergency in Ohio due to COVID19.**

Recent legislation, House Bill 197, has extended the deadline for expiration of all license issued by the state of Ohio until **either** 90 days after the expiration of the emergency declared by Governor DeWine **OR** December 1, 2020 – whichever date is earlier. As a result, the expiration date for all OCDP licensees/certificate holders due to expire from March 9 – November 30, 2020 has been adjusted in the Ohio eLicense system. Please note that the expiration dates will change in elicense according to the above dates depending on the end of the state of emergency in Ohio.

Although the deadline to renew has been extended , we encourage you to move forward with your renewal . Those with current active licenses, the expiration date will remain two years after your original expiration date regardless when you renew within this extension period. Since many of the March – July educational conferences have been cancelled or postponed, we are offering an extension to obtain continuing education (CEU) hours and still renew. Please see more information under **Deficient CEU hours for Renewal** below if you need to renew but may be deficient on your CEU hours. Some of our Providers who offer online CEUs are listed on our website <https://www.ocdp.ohio.gov/CE>.

**For Active Status Licenses:** Currently all licensees with a renewal date of March 9, 2020 to November 30, 2020 will receive an extension through December 1st, 2020. Should the state of emergency in Ohio end prior to December 1, 2020, the expiration dates will be changed to ninety days after the emergency ends and notifications will be sent regarding the new renewal deadline. No late fees will be charged during this time, but once renewed the license will expire 2 years from the original expiration date. Individuals are given more time to renew but we encourage you to renew on time if possible.

**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 March 9 and November 30, 2020. This extension allows individuals more time to get the required education hours to renew, but again because they were previously due to expire a late fee will be charged at the time of renewal. Should the emergency end prior to December 2, 2020 individuals will have ninety days after the emergency ends to renew their license. Licenses in this group who **DO NOT RENEW** 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 March 9, 2020 forward will also have an extension of their grace period to move up to the CDCA within the HB 197 guidelines. One 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 will have additional time through the expiration of this 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 December 2, 2020 or 90 days after the state of emergency has ended these licenses will become inactive/expired unless the license is still in the original two-year grace period .

**Deficient CEU hours for Renewal:** If your renewal date is March 9, 2020 thru the state of emergency and you have at least 1/3 of your continuing education hours (CEUs), you may renew your license/certificate online and answer YES to the Attestation Question that you have the necessary CEU's to renew without facing an ethics violation **IF** you submit to the OCDP Board the **COVID19-REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CEU REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL** form located on our website [www.ocdp.ohio.gov](http://www.ocdp.ohio.gov) under the COVID 19 tab within 5 days of completing your renewal on line on elicense. OCDP Board is giving licenses/certificate holders six (6) months after the end of the state of emergency to obtain any of their deficient CEU hours. Please note that all CEU hours used for this deficiency may NOT be used for your next renewal.

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@ocp.ohio.gov](mailto:info@ocp.ohio.gov)

Sincerely,

The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board