

4751-1-13.1 **Continuing education waiver.**

- (A) Licensees may request a waiver of annual continuing education required or an extension of the renewal period for continuing education compliance by using the "CE Waiver Form" (07/2015) available from the board office or at www.beltss.ohio.gov.
- (B) All requests are considered and acted on by the board, in its sole discretion, on a case by case basis.
- (C) All requests must be accompanied by a statement of inability to attend continuing education courses, certified by a physician or physician extender such as a nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA), as permitted by their respective practice acts ~~within sixty days of the onset of the illness or disability that prevents attendance at or participation in any continuing education functions~~ in a timely manner.
- (D) The board may issue partial waivers. The board will take the following into consideration, but this may not be an all-inclusive list:
- (1) The extent to which the illness or disability prevents attendance at or participation in continuing education courses or functions.
 - (2) The licensee's attempt to gain continuing education. It is the board's expectation that all licensees attempt to complete continuing education requirements throughout the time period leading up to their renewal date.
 - (3) The length of the illness or disability.
- (E) Waivers shall not be granted in excess of three consecutive renewal periods.
- (F) Penalty ~~continuing education fines~~ does not accrue while a licensee is on a waiver, but will begin accruing on the first day of the first renewal period after the waiver expires as provided in paragraph (D) of rule 4751-1-10 of the Administrative Code. If the waiver request is denied, the licensee will be assessed penalty ~~continuing education~~ fines back to the original date of renewal.
- (G) The board may waive all or part of the annual renewal fee or fines at its sole discretion if it determines that enforcing the ~~fee-fees~~ would cause undue hardship.
- (H) Licensees may not practice while on waiver status.
- (I) Licensees will be notified of the board's decision in writing. The board's decision is final.

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Certification

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