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Order Extending July 13, 2020, Order Waiving Wet Laboratory Admission Standard for Dental Hygiene Educational Programs

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a [State of Emergency](#) to exist in California as a result of the impacts of COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization as a result of a broader spread of COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order [N-39-20](#), during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including requirements related to the education and training necessary to obtain licensure.

On July 13, 2020, the Director issued an Order Waiving Wet Laboratory Admission Standard for Dental Hygiene Educational Programs. The order was scheduled to expire on September 11, 2020, but on September 10, 2020, the Director extended it to December 31, 2020. On December 15, 2020, the Director extended it again to June 30, 2021, and on July 1, 2021, the Director extended it to August 31, 2021. On August 31, 2021, the Director extended it again.

The Director hereby further extends the Order Waiving Wet Laboratory Admission Standard for Dental Hygiene Educational Programs to March 31, 2022.

This order is effective immediately but may be amended as circumstances require.

Dated: January 11, 2022

Signature on File

Kimberly Kirchmeyer
Director