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STANDING ORDER

WAIVER OF Rab 403.06- DISTANCE EDUCATION LIMITATIONS

The Real Estate Appraiser Board ("Board") has statutory authority pursuant to NH RSA 310-B: 24, X to waive conditions and requirements to any rule adopted by the Board. Administrative Rule Rab 218.01 (g) grants the Board authority to waive a substantive rule upon its own motion provided notice and an opportunity to be heard is made available to affected licensees. Additionally, the rule requires four (4) criteria to be met.

On March 30, 2020, during an emergency meeting and pursuant to NH RSA 310-B; 24, X and Rab 218.01 (g), the Board, acting as petitioner on behalf of licensees, on its own motion, hereby waives Rab 403.06 (a) and (b) distance requirements and proctored exam requirements for licensure renewal and authorizes approved continuing education courses taken via electronic participation during the declared State of Emergency called by the Governor in Executive Order 2020-04 to be considered live hours.

Ninety (90) days after the expiration and/or termination of the NH Governor’s declared State of Emergency, Administrative Rule Rab 403.06(a) and (b) will return as was written prior to the issuance of the NH Governor’s declaration of a State of Emergency.
In accordance with the criteria set forth in Rab 218.08, the Board, acting as petitioner on behalf of licensees waiving the requirements set forth in Rab 403.06 (a) and (b), the Board finds: (1) Adherence to the rule would cause the petitioner undue personal hardship; (2) There is no neglect on the part of the petitioner; (3) Waiver of the rule would be consistent with the statutes administered by the board; and (4) Waiver of the rule would not injure third persons.

Effective March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Hampshire declared a State of Emergency and issued Executive Order 2020-4 due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequent to the declaration of a State of Emergency, the Governor issued a Stay at Home order to all non-essential employees and residents of the State of New Hampshire. The public health pandemic affecting New Hampshire and the world has caused licensees in many professions to seek extensions or waivers of continuing education requirements (“CE”) and/or how CE requirements are met.

This Standing Order shall terminate 90 days after the date of expiration and/or termination of the declared State of Emergency issued through Executive Order 2020-4, March 13, 2020.

Date: 4/7/2020

By Order of the Board;

Patricia Sherman, FAIA, Board Chair