

Due to the ongoing coronavirus health crisis, the Ohio Department of Education has temporarily suspended the declining of applications which remain “on hold” for longer than sixty (60) days. This will allow applicants having difficulty completing licensure requirements the additional time they need in order to do so.

With the passage of House Bill 197, the coronavirus relief bill, flexibility is being provided to educators based upon the state of emergency declared by executive order (Executive Order 2020-01D signed by the Governor on March 9, 2020). Under this law, the period for educators to complete their renewal requirements and renew their licenses will extend to 90 days after the state of emergency is lifted, but not later than Dec. 1, 2020, whichever date comes first. Educators’ current licenses will remain valid during this time period as well. The Ohio Department of Education cannot provide a fixed date for licensure expiration until the current state of emergency is lifted, but the possible scenarios are as follows:

- If the period of the emergency declared by executive order ends on any day before Sept. 2, 2020 (90 days before Dec. 1, 2020), all licenses will expire, and must be renewed by 90 days from the day the emergency order ends. *Expiration dates displaying in CORE are being updated on a daily basis to reflect the appropriate expiration date under House Bill 197.*
- If the period of the emergency declared by the executive order ends on any day after Sept. 2, 2020, all licenses will expire on, and must be renewed by, Dec. 1, 2020.