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Pennsylvania Extends Application Expiration Dates for Real Estate Appraisers

A [previous waiver](#) was approved for several boards whose regulations require applicants and licensees to perform or complete some act or series of acts within a fixed time, but because of the COVID-19 emergency applicants and licensees are unable to do so, or will not be able to do so in the near future.

The Department of State has identified another such instance, related to the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

When an individual applies to be a certified residential real estate appraiser or a certified general real estate appraiser, that individual has one year from the date his or her application is approved to take and pass the appraiser certification examination. If the applicant does not pass the exam within one year, the application is deemed withdrawn and he or she must submit a new application to the Board.

The appraiser certification examination is a proctored exam which is taken in-person. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, testing sites for the exam have been closed.

To assist appraiser applicants whose one-year application approval is in danger of expiring due to the closure of testing sites, the Governor approved the Department of State's request for a waiver of the one-year limitation.

This waiver shall extend for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, and the time limit within which affected appraiser applicants must sit for the examination has been increased to 24 months from the date their application was approved.