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## Reactivation for additional retirees: Temporary waivers cover more professions

Governor Wolf granted the Department of State's request to temporarily waive regulations and costs for reactivation of certain inactive and expired licenses for additional professionals and licensing boards. This waiver applies to individuals whose license has been expired or inactive for at least three months preceding the request for reactivation.

The Department of State and the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) previously obtained approval from the governor to allow retired practitioners to re-enter the field more easily and without paying reactivation fees.

This latest temporary waiver adds the following boards and licensing types:

- o **Behavior Specialists** (State Board of Medicine) – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Dentists** – *must be expired for at least three months but less than five years*
  - **Dental Hygienists** – *must be expired for at least three months but less than five years*
  - **Expanded Function Dental Assistants** – *must be expired for at least three months but less than five years*
- o **Funeral Directors** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Nursing Home Administrators** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Podiatrists** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Practical Nurses** (LPNs) – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Psychologists** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Social Workers** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
  - **Clinical Social Workers** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
  - **Marriage and Family Therapists** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
  - **Professional Counselors** – *must be inactive/expired for at least three months*
- o **Veterinarians** – *must be expired for at least three months but less than five years*
  - **Certified Veterinary Technicians** – *must be expired for at least three months but less than five years*

The Department also received approval to waive any reactivation prerequisites that are “administrative” in nature. For example, the Department has received approval to waive the requirement that **psychologists** seeking reactivation provide a notarized affidavit that they did not

practice psychology while their license was inactive or expired. Similar affidavit requirements have been waived for **dentists, dental hygienists, nursing home administrators**, as have waivers for those professions ordinarily required them to provide proof of current CPR certification.

A number of practitioners have already been granted similar waivers for reactivation. Those prior waivers were for: **Nurse-Midwives** and certain practitioners under the State Boards of Medicine (**Medical Doctors, Physician Assistants, Respiratory Therapists and Perfusionists**) and Osteopathic Medicine (**Osteopathic Doctors, Physician Assistants, Respiratory Therapists, Perfusionists**), as well as **Registered Nurses, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, and Pharmacists**.

**Applications for reactivation a license should be filed with the applicable licensing board. Visit <https://www.pals.pa.gov>.**