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The Board of Optometry has granted an extension of continuing education requirements for a period of six months after the deadline for the current renewal cycle that ends on March 31, 2020. In addition, an exemption is granted to alleviate the “real-time, interactive activities” requirement found in 18VAC105-20-70(A)(3). The number or hours and topic requirements are still required, only the method of obtaining the CE is exempted.

Licensees are encouraged to complete continuing education hours on-line in place of real-time activities, before the renewal deadline. Please note that hours completed after the renewal deadline of March 31, 2020, will not be able to double count as CE hours for the renewal period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

If the required number of continuing education hours have not been completed prior to renewal, please check “no” to the question on the renewal form about completion of continuing competency requirements. Do not falsify information on the form by checking “yes” if using the six-month extension. Checking “no” will not affect the ability to renew. There will be a notation in the system that a licensee has a six-month extension.

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