

APRN Certification Extension/Waiver Policies — COVID-19 Update

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The following information was obtained through communication with the certifying bodies.

Certifying Body	Certification(s) Granted	Extension Policy	
		Renewal	First Time Test Takers
<u>AACN</u>	AACNS-AG AACNS-P AACNS- N ACNPC-AG	Will approve an extension if requested by the APRN after documentation that the certificant's board of nursing (BON) allows renewal extensions.	Extension from 90 days to 180 days, applicants will be notified when they apply. An email will be sent to the BON confirming eligibility to test.
<u>AANPCB</u>	A-GNP-C FNP-C ENP-C	Allow for a temporary certification extension of 120 days for those certificants having to take the exam for recertification or having difficulty obtaining continuing education credits due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Will work with the BONs for those who have been approved to take the exam and meet the qualifications for certification but not yet tested.
<u>AMCB</u>	CNM	Renewal annually in December, no extension offered currently.	Will submit a letter of eligibility to BON which would verify that a candidate has met the requirements to sit for the exam but has not yet sat (or passed).
<u>ANCC</u>	PMHNP-BC FNP-BC AGCNP-BC AGPCNP-BC AGCNS-BC	Clinicians who have not yet applied for recertification and have a recertification date from March 1–July 1, 2020 the expiration date will automatically extend to July 31, 2020. Clinicians who have already submitted renewal documents will continue to be reviewed. Clinicians who want to renew can continue to do so. The clinician does not need to take action. We are in the process of notifying clinicians and the individual state BON.	Clinicians who had a test date during the COVID-19 test center closure will be rescheduled. They are first on the list after the centers reopen. Persons who had a test window and had not scheduled or are newly deemed eligible will receive an automatic 120-day window.
<u>NBCRNA</u>	CRNA	Renewal deadline for this year will be extended by four months (from July 31 to Nov. 30, 2020). Credentials due to be renewed this year by the old July 31, 2020 deadline, which are not renewed on or before the revised Nov. 30, 2020 deadline, will expire and will be lapsed and BONs will be notified.	Will continue to electronically provide letters to BONs indicating candidates have met certification requirements and have been initially certified.
<u>NCC</u>	WHNP-BC NNP-BC	NCC has a 12-month recertification period for anyone who has allowed their certification to lapse. This has not changed due to the pandemic.	Candidates must register for the NCC exam and provide the required documents to be deemed eligible. If eligible NCC will inform the appropriate state board. NCC will send eligibility letters to BONs in states with emergency certification waivers.
<u>PNCB</u>	CPNP-PC CPNP-AC	PNCB has a 4-month recertification period that ended Feb. 29, 2020. This has not changed due to the pandemic.	If the candidate has a complete application, which includes a final transcript with all grades and the degree, PNCB is holding their eligibility notification until testing centers open. This avoids the 90-day window limit to schedule an exam.