

Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Courtesy licenses for emergency or temporary situations are offered by many boards; please see the table below for details. Emergency courtesy licenses may be issued only for a limited scope in response to an urgent situation.

“Urgent situation” means a health crisis affecting all or part of the state that requires increased availability of healthcare providers as determined by the board. It is not dependent upon an official declaration by the governor and cannot be used for another purpose. Full applications and requirements can be found [online](#).

COVID-19 Health Care Provider Licensing Flexibility				
Board	Practice Option	Duration of License/Scope	Initial Cost	Authority
Medical	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician, osteopath, podiatrist • Physician Assistant • Paramedic 	Six months + can be renewed for six months or until the board determines the emergency to no longer exist	\$110 \$70 (MICP)	12 AAC 40.045
	Expanded MICP scope of practice	Until December 31, 2021	N/A	Authorized by the board 2-19-21
	Current licensing period extended	Until April 1, 2021	N/A	Director order
Nursing	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Nurse • Advanced Practice Registered Nurse • Licensed Practical Nurse 	120 days + can be renewed for 120 days; expires no later than 18 months of initial issue	\$100	12 AAC 44.318
	Current licensing period extended*	Until March 1, 2021	N/A	12 AAC 44.315
Pharmacy	Emergency Permit* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacist • Pharmacy technician • Pharmacy intern 	90 days	\$100	12 AAC 52.110
Professional Counseling	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Counselor 	120 days + can be renewed for 120 days	\$0	12 AAC 62.450
Psychology	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychologist • Psychological Associate 	120 days + can be renewed for 120 days	\$250	12 AAC 60.036
Marital and Family Therapy	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital and Family Therapist 	120 days + can be renewed for 120 days	\$350	12 AAC 19.210
Social Work	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Social Worker 	90 days + can be renewed for 90 days	\$85	12 AAC 18.111
Direct-Entry Midwifery	Emergency Courtesy License* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct-Entry Midwife 	120 days	\$1000	12 AAC 14.125

* Adopted as emergency and permanent regulations, effective immediately upon filing. Information subject to change.

Check regulations, web page, and application for complete details on qualifications, scope of practice, applicable laws, and application requirements. Qualifications generally include current, unencumbered license in another jurisdiction. May vary by license type and will require a complete application and payment of fees. Visit professionallicense.alaska.gov and click on your licensing program to access additional information, including contacts for your licensing program.

Full licensure is available for all health care professions. Some professions also offer temporary licenses while awaiting an exam. Please visit professionallicense.alaska.gov to find yours. **Please allow enough time to process your permanent license application before expiry of a courtesy license or waiver.** Note that some processes may be delayed or unavailable in the case of sickness or office closure. Every effort is being made to offer online services and/or reassign staff to meet the licensing needs of primary care professions.

Practice under any professional license is subject to the laws of the State of Alaska. Be sure you are informed prior to working.

Businesses offering telemedicine or telehealth must hold a valid [Alaska business license](#) and comply with other Alaska laws pertaining to business practices.

Any business offering telemedicine or telehealth must be listed on the [Telemedicine Business Registry](#). This simple form can be downloaded [here](#). Licenses and telemedicine registrations can be verified [here](#). Many boards have also eliminated unnecessary administrative burdens such as notary requirements on license applications.

The division and our partner licensing boards are working to identify opportunities to ensure access to health care for those who are sick and to address economic hardships to licensees. **If you have suggestions or questions, please navigate directly to your program at professionallicense.alaska.gov. For fastest response, send a message directly to the program's email address.** You may email our general delivery box at license@alaska.gov, or contact our front office at (907)269-8160 or (907) 465-2550. Please note that volume is currently high, and you may experience a delay if contacting us by phone.



For more information on professional licensing during the coronavirus pandemic, please visit <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/CBPLCOVID-19Information.aspx>.

For statewide updates on the coronavirus pandemic, visit covid19.alaska.gov.

For additional information, visit professionallicense.alaska.gov.