

March 26, 2020

The following letter was sent to all educators on March 26, 2020 by the Nevada Department of Education. We are sharing this communication with you to ensure that you are aware of any temporary changes that have been made to the relicensure process.

Your CCEA Team.

Dear Nevada Educator,

In order to minimize the extent to which educators in our state are inconvenienced by the COVID-19 precautions currently in place, the Office of Educator Development, Licensure, and Family Engagement is taking certain steps which we would like to share with you.

Active Application Grace Period

All applications for licensure or renewal which were submitted on or after Monday, March 16, 2020 and which have been identified as requiring additional documentation in order to be processed, will remain active in our system for 75 days from the date of application in order to allow applicants additional time to obtain and submit the necessary documents.

Fingerprinting Grace Period

All applicants who are required to fingerprint in order to obtain or renew a license and who submitted an application on or after Monday, March 16, 2020 will be given 75 days from the date of application to submit their fingerprints via Livescan or to turn in a fingerprint card to the Department. A number of Livescan vendors and law enforcement agencies have temporarily stopped providing fingerprinting services for civil applicants, and several vendors have modified their hours of operation. We recommend that you call vendors and confirm whether or not they are open before going to have fingerprints taken.

Scanned Copies of Transcripts

Applicants who have submitted an application on or after March 16, 2020 may upload scanned copies of their official college or university transcripts in lieu of sending originals to our office. Any applicant who submits scanned transcripts will be issued a provisional license and will be required to provide original transcripts within 90 days after license issuance.

Professional Development Opportunities

There are a number of online professional development opportunities still available to educators, and <u>a list</u> <u>of Department approved vendors</u> is available online. For information on license renewal requirements, see the <u>Educator Licensure website</u>.

Thank you for your hard work, and for all you do for the students of our great state!