



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



Continuing Education Requirements Update



Dear Licensee,

Please be advised that on January 16, 2026, Governor Murphy signed Executive Order (EO) 415, terminating the COVID-19 State of Emergency originally declared on March 9, 2020, effective as of 5:00 p.m. EST on February 16, 2026. As a result, DCA-W-2020-04, which temporarily waived limitations on the number of continuing education (CE) credits a Board of Optometrists licensee could complete through videotape, audiotape, computer media, Internet, journal, or correspondence courses or programs, expired at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2026. Therefore, licensees are again subject to the 20 credit limitation in N.J.A.C. 13:38-7.4(e) with regards to videotape, audiotape, computer media, Internet, journal, or correspondence courses or programs.

Please note, any CE credits completed before February 16, 2026 will be accepted. Credits completed after February 16, 2026 must meet the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:38-7.4(e).

Regards,

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