

## California Board of Recreation and Park Certification, Inc

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Esteemed Colleagues:

As we maneuver through the roadblocks of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we must work together for a safe and realistic environment. We have heard the concerns of our Recreation Therapists, Students, Agency Supervisors and Universities as to the impact of the virus. We are aware that many of the normal Recreation Therapy services and educational opportunities have been affected. To that end CBRPC will implement the following changes to certification immediately:

1. On-Line webinars/conferences/classes may now be used for **2.0 CEU's (20 Contact Hours)**. The existing standards for acceptance of these courses remain in place. All courses must have a provider number and relate to professional competencies.
2. Those RTC's who are due to renew certification by June 2020 will be given an additional three (3) months, without penalty, to secure 2.0 CEU's. We will continue to accept renewals in June if you have completed your required CEU's. CBRPC will evaluate the need for an extension for December 2020 renewals at a later date.
3. If more time is needed (past September 2020) to secure CEU's any RTC may request an Extension. The guidelines for the Extension remain as currently posted.
4. If you are impacted financially by COVID-19, CBRPC will work with you on paying fees.
5. For the remainder of 2020 CBRPC will continue to accept safety related courses, computer skill courses and work required courses (MAB, etc.). Beginning with the June 2021 renewal cycle these courses will no longer be accepted.
6. CBRPC will begin work immediately on a revised policy for Internships. At this time decisions related to the implementation/completion of the internship should be determined by the agency supervisor and the academic advisor. CBRPC will review all submitted internship hours, however, the 600 hour minimum remains in place.
7. Due to the new recommendations from the Governor (shelter in place) the Recreation Therapy Exams scheduled for April 2020 are now postponed. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we must put the safety of our professionals first.

The CBRPC office remains open for phone calls, texts and emails Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please don't hesitate to reach out if have questions or concerns. Know that we will get through this by working together.

Sincerely,

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