

NOTICE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS HOLDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RECIPROCITY LICENSES (TERLs) OF PROGRAM DISCONTINUATION

Effective Friday, June 4, 2021, the Division will no longer accept any new applications for TERLs.

ALL TERLs ISSUED TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN GROUP 1 WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2021

ALL TERLs ISSUED TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN GROUP 2 WILL EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Background: In March 2020, the Division of Consumer Affairs (the Division) announced and established a Temporary Emergency Reciprocity Licensure (TERL) program to give emergency licenses to health-care practitioners licensed in states outside of New Jersey. Healthcare professionals who obtained TERLs are authorized to fully engage in the practice of their profession in New Jersey, both in person and through telehealth, without going through the New Jersey licensure process. These extraordinary actions were taken in order to address the unprecedented strain and stress which the COVID-19 outbreak placed on the entire health care delivery service in New Jersey. The emergency licenses issued under the TERL program and have always and explicitly been temporary.

As of Friday, June 4, the State's Public Health Emergency has been terminated, and the Division has accordingly determined that it will wind down the TERL program. No new licenses will be issued, and existing licenses will be allowed to expire effective June 30, 2021 or September 30, 2021, dependent on the particular need for providers in specific healthcare professions. At present, the Division does not anticipate any further extensions of TERLs, except as described below for individuals who are in the process of obtaining a plenary license.

Notice of Discontinuation of TERL Program:

The Division will:

- no longer accept any new TERL applications as of June 4, 2021;
- allow all TERLs issued to healthcare professionals with Group 1 licenses to expire on June 30, 2021;

- allow all TERLs issued to healthcare professionals with Group 2 licenses to expire on September 30, 2021; and
- grant limited extensions only for those who are in the process of obtaining a plenary license.

A full list of Group 1 and Group 2 licenses is set forth below.

Actions you need to take: Review the lists below to determine whether you have a Group 1 or a Group 2 license. Carefully review the information below that explains how the end of the TERL program affects your ability to continue to engage in any further practice in New Jersey.

Information For TERL Holders with Group 1 Licenses:

Group 1 Licenses are:

Acupuncturist
Athletic Trainer
Audiologist
Audiologist Speech Language Pathologist
Certified Midwife
Certified Nurse Midwife
Dentist
Genetic Counselor
Hearing Aid Dispenser
Occupational Therapist
Ophthalmic Dispenser
Optometrist
Perfusionist
Pharmacist
Physical Therapist
Physical Therapy Assistant
Physician Assistant
Podiatrist
Polysomnography Technologist
Speech Language Pathologist

The Division stopped issuing new TERLs effective March 1, 2021 for most of these license types, and previously provided notice that all TERLs for all these license types would expire on **June 30, 2021**.

You are reminded that you have a professional obligation to ensure that you make appropriate arrangements for the transfer of care of all impacted patients prior to the expiration date.

As of July 1, 2021, Group 1 TERLs will cease to be valid. You must, by July 1, 2021, cease and desist from engaging in any and all health care practice that would otherwise require a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license. Failure to do so would violate New Jersey law, and you could be subject to civil or criminal actions for unlicensed practice in New Jersey. You could also be liable for sanctions in your home state if you engage in unlicensed practice in New Jersey.

HOWEVER, if you currently hold a Group 1 TERL, you will receive a one-time extension of your TERL, **ONLY IF** you have filed an application for a plenary New Jersey license on or before June 4, 2021.

If you have filed an application for a plenary license by that date, you will receive a one-time extension of your TERL from June 30, 2021 until the earlier of: (1) the date on which the licensing board or committee either grants or denies your application for a New Jersey license; or (2) September 30, 2021. To receive the extension, you must have filed the required application, have paid all required application and/or licensing fees, and be actively continuing the application process. The Division anticipates that this extension will allow anyone presently holding a Group 1 TERL who has applied for a plenary New Jersey license adequate time to complete the application process.

Information for TERL Holders with Group 2 Licenses:

Group 2 licenses are:

- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Certified Social Worker
- Doctor of Osteopathy
- Homemaker Home Health Aid
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Medical Doctor

Professional Counselor
Psychoanalyst
Psychologist
Registered Professional Nurse
Respiratory Care Practitioner

All previously issued Group 2 TERLs – which had been scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021 – will be automatically extended through **September 30, 2021**. **This extension is automatic**; you do not need to take any action to receive it. You are reminded that you have a professional obligation to ensure that you make appropriate arrangements for the transfer of care of all impacted patients prior to the expiration date.

As of October 1, 2021, Group 2 TERLs will cease to be valid. Individuals holding such licenses must, on or prior to October 1, 2021, cease and desist from engaging in any and all health care practice that would otherwise require a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license. Failure to do so would violate New Jersey law, and you could be subject to civil or criminal actions for unlicensed practice in New Jersey. It could also subject you to discipline in your home state.

HOWEVER, if you currently hold a Group 2 TERL, you will receive a further one-time extension of your TERL, **ONLY IF** you file (or have filed) an application for a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license on or before **July 31, 2021**. For information on how to apply for a plenary license, please review your relevant board's website for links to the appropriate application.

If you file an application for a plenary license on or before July 31, you will receive a one-time extension of your TERL from September 30, 2021 until the earlier of: (1) the date on which the licensing board or committee either grants or denies your application for a New Jersey license; or (2) December 31, 2021. To receive the extension, you must have filed the required application, have paid all required application and/or licensing fees, and be actively continuing the application process. The Division anticipates that this extension will allow anyone presently holding a Group 2 TERL who has applied, or who files an application prior to July 31, 2021, for a plenary New Jersey license adequate time to complete the application process by the end of 2021.

Please check the temporary emergency licensure database [here](#) to confirm your licensure status. If you have any questions about the program, please review the Division's Frequently Asked Questions [here](#).