



NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF
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**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding the
Temporary Emergency Reciprocity License (TERL)
Program**

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Providers are encouraged to check the Division of Consumer Affairs [website](#) for additional information.

The State of New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub is [here](#).
The NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Information Hub for Health Care Providers is [here](#).

Background

In March 2020, the Division of Consumer Affairs (the Division) 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 system in New Jersey. The emergency licenses issued under the TERL program and have always and explicitly been temporary.

As of June 4, 2021, 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.

Answers to some frequently asked questions about Temporary Emergency Reciprocity Licenses are below.

General Questions

- 1. How can I check if my Temporary Emergency Reciprocity License (“TERL”) is still active and/or confirm my expiration date?**

You may check if your TERL is still active by searching for your name or temporary license number through the Division's TERL verification page at- <https://njconsumeraffairs.state.nj.us/NJDCA-TempLicense-Verification/>.

- 2. I'm unsure which expiration date group I fall into. Where can I double check?**

Please visit- <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Pages/Temporary-Emergency-License-for-Out-of-State-Practitioners.aspx> to check which group your license type falls into.

Additionally, you may check if your TERL is still active by searching for your name or temporary license number through the Division's TERL verification page at- <https://njconsumeraffairs.state.nj.us/NJDCA-TempLicense-Verification/>.

- 3. Will I receive another email with an updated license letter?**

No. You and/or your employer may refer to the Division's TERL verification page at <https://njconsumeraffairs.state.nj.us/NJDCA-TempLicense-Verification/> for the most up-to-date listing of licensed individuals through the TERL program.

4. How do I tell my employer about the extension?

You can refer your employer to check the Division's TERL verification page at:
<https://njconsumeraffairs.state.nj.us/NJDCA-TempLicense-Verification/>

5. My TERL has expired or is about to expire. What should I do?

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 of your TERL.

Once expired, you must 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.

6. My TERL is about to expire, but I need to continue to see patients in New Jersey. What should I do?

If you have not done so already, you must immediately apply for a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license. To apply for a plenary New Jersey license visit,
<https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Pages/Applying-For-A-License.aspx>

TERLs with a June 30, 2021 expiration date will be eligible to obtain a one-time extension, IF you have filed an application for a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license on or before June 4, 2021. This extension will then expire on September 30, 2021.

TERLs with a September 30, 2021 expiration date will be eligible to obtain a one-time extension, IF you have filed an application for a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license on or before July 31, 2021. This extension will then expire on December 31, 2021.

7. What happens if my license is still pending at the end of the extension?

The Division has informed TERL holders consistently throughout this program that they should immediately apply for a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license if they wish to continue to provide health care services to New Jersey residents after the expiration of the TERL program.

The Division will endeavor to process applications as promptly as possible and anticipates that anyone who holds a TERL and applies for a plenary New Jersey license before the deadline for an extension should receive their license before the end of the extension. Should the licensing board to which you apply not yet grant or deny your application by the expiration of the extension period, however, you must immediately cease and desist from engaging in any and all health care practice until a determination is made.

8. I submitted/filed my plenary application after the deadline for an extension, is there any way I can still be considered for a TERL extension?

No, but you still may obtain New Jersey licensure by reciprocity/endorsement. However, you will not be permitted to engage in any health care practice that would otherwise require a plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license while your application is in process.

9. I have questions about the plenary (regular, full) New Jersey license process. Who should I contact?

Any questions regarding the application process should be directed to the respective board. Please visit, <https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/Pages/Applying-For-A-License.aspx>. We recommend contacting your respective board or committee by email.