



**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**  
**Division of Professional Regulation**

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Governor

**Deborah Hagan**  
Secretary

**Cecilia Abundis**  
Acting Director

**VARIANCE**

Pursuant to the authority granted in 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.110, I hereby grant cosmetology teachers, esthetics teachers, nail technicians, nail technician teachers, hair braiders, and hair braider teachers licensed pursuant to the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, Hair Braiding, and Nail Technology Act of 1985 (hereinafter “BCENT”), a variance from 68 Illinois Administrative Code § 1175.1210(e) which states, in part, that licensees may earn a maximum of 50% of their continuing education through self-study methods.

This Variance is granted based upon the particular facts surrounding the Illinois Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations issued on March 09, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020 and again on July 24, 2020.

In order to contain the spread of COVID-19, the Department has become aware that opportunities for in-person continuing education courses have been extinguished in order to ensure that public health is not endangered. As a result, licensees may not be able to complete their continuing education requirements for renewal this year. This Variance shall be permitted to allow a cosmetology teacher, esthetics teacher, nail technician, nail technician teacher, hair braider, and hair braider teacher to complete all their continuing education through self-study methods, such as courses offered through online methods for the renewals taking place in 2020. This Variance shall only apply to cosmetology teachers, esthetics teachers, nail technicians, nail technician teachers, hair braiders, and hair braider teachers licensed under the BCENT and renewing their license in 2020. This Variance will expire on the same date that the renewals for each respective profession expires.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned rules, this Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning renewal requirements under BCENT. Cosmetology teachers, esthetics teachers, nail technicians, nail technician teachers, hair braiders, and hair braiding teachers licensed under BCENT must comply with all additional rules and regulations contained in BCENT and applicable administrative rules for renewal.

I have determined that the provisions from which this variance is granted are not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this variance; and the rules from which this variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
REGULATION of the State of Illinois  
Deborah Hagan, SECRETARY, by

Cecilia Abundis, Acting Director  
Division of Professional Regulation

July 30, 2020

Date