

481—573.5(153) Extensions and exemptions.

573.5(1) The board may, in individual cases involving physical disability or illness, grant an extension of the time to meet, or an exemption from, the continuing education requirements. Requests for extension or exemption should include a statement from a licensed health care professional confirming the disability or illness that resulted in the need for such a request. The board may, as a condition of the exemption, require the applicant to make up a certain portion or all of the continuing education requirements.

573.5(2) Extensions of or exemptions for continuing education requirements will be considered by the board on an individual basis. Licensees or registrants are exempt from the continuing education requirements for:

- a.* Periods that the person serves honorably on active duty in the military services;
- b.* Periods that the person practices the person's profession in another state, district, or territory that has a continuing education requirement for which the licensee or registrant meets all requirements;
- c.* Periods that the person is a government employee working in the person's licensed or registered specialty and assigned to duty outside the United States;
- d.* Other periods of active practice and absence from the state approved by the board; or
- e.* The first renewal period, or portion thereof, following original issuance of the license, permit or registration.

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