March 20, 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNE 30, 2020 PERMIT EXPIRATIONS:

The Board has received a few, not many, inquiries regarding extensions for continuing education requirements for those permits expiring on June 30, 2020, due to cancellations of in-person seminars because of the COVID19 Virus.

We assure you that we recognize and understand that these are trying times for everyone and that this is a fluid situation.

To that end, we are, at this time, advising permit holders who renew this year that there will be no extension of time to obtain continuing education, for the following reasons:

1. There is no restriction on the number of CE hours one may obtain by webinar, telephone, or self-study. The only restriction we have is that CE obtained by these delivery methods must be obtained through the AICPA, a state CPA Society, or a course sponsor approved by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for the delivery method by which the course is offered.

2. The Board gives all permit holders the full renewal cycle to obtain their CE. There is no mandatory amount of CE that must be obtained within each year of the renewal period and given that this is March, there is plenty of time to obtain the CE hours.

3. For those people in industry who elect to have a permit to practice, and for those who do not provide any services for the public as a CPA and are not required by their employer to have a permit, don’t need to have a permit; therefore, they would not be required to obtain the CE if they choose not to renew.

We assure you that we will keep an eye on the situation as things evolve, but we wanted to make sure that there is enough advance notice so that all can plan accordingly. Please contact Susan Somers, the Executive Director of the Board, at ksboa@ks.gov if you have any questions.

Stay safe and well!

Best regards,

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Chair