

**21 NCAC 34A .0128 WAIVER**

(a) The Board may waive any rule in this Chapter that is not statutorily required if a licensee, trainee, or continuing education course provider submits a written request. Factors the Board shall use in determining whether to grant the waiver are:

- (1) degree of disruption to the Board;
- (2) cost to the Board;
- (3) degree of benefit to the public;
- (4) whether the requesting party had control over the circumstances that required the requested waiver;
- (5) notice to and opposition by the public;
- (6) need for the waiver; and
- (7) previous requests for waivers submitted from the requesting party.

(b) The Board may waive any rule in this Chapter that is not statutorily required upon its own initiative during a disaster declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor, a national emergency declaration by the President of the United States, or a state of emergency declaration issued under G.S. 166A-19.3(19), based on the factors set forth in Paragraph (a)(1), (2), (3), (5) and (6) of this Rule. If the Board wishes to waive a rule, it shall provide notice by posting a link on their website and sending out information to their interested persons mailing list.

(c) Any waiver granted by the Board in accordance with this Rule based upon a declared state of emergency shall include a date certain upon which the waiver will expire, not to exceed 12 months from the date that the waiver is granted.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 90-210.23(a); 150B-19(6);  
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