1	21 NCAC 19 .01	03 is repealed as published in 37:02 NCR 202 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 19 .01	03 DEFINITIONS
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5	History Note:	Authority G.S. 88A-6; 88A-12; 88A-13; 88A-18;
6		Eff. March 1, 1995;
7		Amended Eff. September 1, 2010;
8		Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1, 2018.
9		<u>2018:</u>
10		<u>Repealed Eff. November 1, 2022.</u>

1 2 21 NCAC 19 .0404 is amended with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 202-205 as follows:

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3	21 NCAC 19 .040	4 DEFINITIONS AND OVERVIEW
4	In addition to the t	erms defined in G.S. 88 A, G.S. 88A, the following terms have the following meanings:
5	(1) "	'Alcohol-based hand rub or gel" is means a preparation which that contains 60 percent to 95 percent
6	e	ethanol or isopropanol that is designed for application to the hands in order to reduce the number of
7	N	viable microorganisms on the hands.
8	(2) <u>"</u>	'Antiseptic <u>"Antiseptic</u> " is means a germicide used on skin or living tissue to inhibit or destroy
9	r	nicroorganisms.
10	(3) "	'Aseptic technique" is means the term used to describe the precautionary measures taken to help
11	r	reduce the risk of post treatment infections by decreasing the opportunity for microorganisms to
12	e	enter the body. Precautionary measures include handwashing, disinfection, sterilization of surfaces
13	a	and instruments, use of protective barriers, containment and disposal of waste, and instrument and
14	s	surface manipulations that minimize cross contamination.
15	(4) "	'Autoclave" is means a vessel used for sterilization by the application of saturated steam under
16	I	pressure and heat.
17	(5) '	Biological indicator" is a commercially prepared device populated with bacterial spores which is
18	ŧ	used to test the method of sterilization being monitored and which demonstrates whether or not
19	÷	conditions necessary to achieve sterilization were met during the cycle being monitored.
20	<mark>(6)(5)</mark> "	'Chemical indicator" is means a chemically treated paper strip used to monitor parameters of a heat
21	s	sterilization process by means of a characteristic color change. A chemical indicator does not
22	i	ndicate that sterilization has been achieved, but rather, a chemical indicator indicates that the
23	t	emperature needed has been attained.
24	<mark>(7)(6)</mark> "	'Cleaning" <mark>is <u>means</u> the removal of all visible organic material from objects using friction, <mark>detergent</mark></mark>
25	<u>c</u>	detergent, and water prior to the disinfection and sterilization processes.
26	(8) '	'Contaminate" is to make something impure by exposure to or addition of a polluting substance.
27	<mark>(9)(7)</mark> "	'Contaminated" is means the presence of potentially infectious pathogenic microorganisms on
28	s	surfaces of a objects.
29	[<mark>(10)</mark>](8)"	'Continuing education unit" or "CEU" means one contact hour of participation in an organized
30	<u>1</u>	earning experience that is: that:
31	(a) is related to the practice of electrolysis or laser light-based hair reduction;
32	(b) [contributes to the competency] is related to the scope of practice of a practitioner of
33		electrolysis or laser light-based hair reduction;
34	(<u>(c)</u> obtained by a licensee occurs after the original granting of licensure; and
35	((d) is approved by the Board at least $[\frac{30}{60}]$ days before the event according to the standards
36		set forth in G.S. 88A-13.

1	(10) [<mark>(11)</mark>] <mark>(9)</mark>	"Cross-contamination" is means the process by which bacteria or other microorganisms are
2		transferr	ed from one substance or object to another, <u>another</u> with harmful effect.
3	(11) [<mark>(12)</mark>] <u>(10)</u>	"Critical items" are means instruments, devices, objects, or environmental surfaces
4		that will	come in direct contact with the bloodstream or other normally sterile areas of the body.
5	(12) [<mark>(13)</mark>] <u>(11)</u>	"Decontaminate" is means to neutralize or remove dangerous substances or germs from an
6	;	area or c	bject.
7	(13) [<mark>(14)</mark>] <mark>(12)</mark>	"Decontamination" is means the use of physical or chemical means to remove, inactivate,
8		or destro	by pathogens on a surface or item so that they are no longer capable of transmitting infectious
9		particles	and to render the surface or item safe for handling, use, or disposal.
10	(14) [<mark>(15)</mark>] <mark>(13)</mark>	"Disinfect" <mark>is means</mark> to clean with a disinfectant in order to destroy bacteria.
11	(15) [<mark>(16)</mark>] <mark>(14)</mark>	"Disinfectant" is means a chemical agent used on inanimate surfaces and objects to destroy
12		infectiou	is fungi and bacteria, but not necessarily their <mark>spores</mark> <u>spores,</u> and is classified into levels of
13		potency	as follows:
14		<u>(a)(A)</u>	High level, "High-level," which is utilized for the reprocessing of semi-critical instruments
15			or devices and includes Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulated substances such
16			as glutaraldehyde-, chlorine dioxide-hydrogen peroxide, orthophthaldehyde-, and peracetic
17			acid-based formulations;
18		<u>(b)(B)</u>	Intermediate level, "Intermediate-level," which is utilized for disinfecting tips for epilator
19			needles and includes Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulated substances such
20			as alcohols containing 70 to 90 percent ethanol or isopropanol, chlorine compounds, and
21			certain phenolic or iodophor preparations as determined by the EPA;
22		<u>(c)(C)</u>	Low-level, "Low-level," which is utilized for disinfecting environmental or non-instrument
23			surfaces and includes EPA regulated substances such as quaternary ammonium compounds
24			and certain phenolic or iodophor preparations as determined by the EPA.
25	(16) [<mark>(17)</mark>] <u>(15)</u>	Disinfection" "Disinfection" is means a procedure that reduces the level of microbial
26		contami	nation and is classified into the following levels:
27		<u>(a)(A)</u>	"High-level," which inactivates some, but not necessarily all, bacterial spores. This process
28			will also kill Mycobacterium tuberculosis var. bovis, bovis and all microorganisms with
29			the exception of <u>except for</u> high levels of bacterial spores.
30		<u>(b)(B)</u>	"Intermediate-level," which does not kill bacterial spores, spores but is capable of killing.
31			can kill M. tuberculosis var. bovis, most vegetative bacteria and fungi, as well as viruses
32			such as hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);
33		<u>(c)(C)</u>	<mark>"Low level,"</mark> "Low-level," which inactivates most bacteria, some <mark>viruses</mark> viruses, and fungi
34			fungi, but not bacterial spores or Mycobacterium tuberculosis var. bovis.
35	(17) [<mark>(18)</mark>] <u>(16)</u>	"Dry heat sterilizer" is means a forced air oven-type device designed to sterilize items by
36		exposure	e to high temperatures for designated exposure periods.

1	(18) [<mark>(19)</mark>] <u>(17)</u>	"Environmental surfaces" are means surfaces in the electrology treatment room which that
2	may <mark>pot</mark>	entially contribute to cross-contamination by hands of <u>contact with</u> the electrologist or by
3	contact-	with instruments that will subsequently come into contact with clients.
4	(19) [<mark>(20)</mark>] <u>(18)</u>	"Enzyme detergent" is means the detergent that helps break down organic soils and fats,
5	<mark>fats</mark> and	suspends particles during cleaning. An enzyme detergent is used as a soaking solution for
6	critical a	and non-critical instruments and as the detergent used in the ultrasonic device.
7	(20) [<mark>(21)</mark>] <u>(19)</u>	"Epilator" <mark>is <u>means</u> an electrical device used to perform electrolysis.</mark>
8	(21) [<mark>(22)</mark>] <u>(20)</u>	"Epilator cords" are means insulated plastic covered cords used to complete the current
9	circuit b	etween the epilator and the epilator needle or the indifferent electrode.
10	(22) [<mark>(23)</mark>] <u>(21)</u>	"Forceps" are means the sterilized instruments or "tweezers" used in electrology treatments
11	to lift th	e treated hair from the follicle. Forceps used in electrology are not intended to be critical
12	<mark>items, b</mark>	ut may come in contact with blood, serum or other material and shall be sterile when used.
13	(23) [<mark>(24)</mark>] <u>(22)</u>	"Gloves" are means coverings for the hands, which hands that provide a protective barrier
14	against	infections and toxic substances.
15	(24) [<mark>(25)</mark>] <u>(23)</u>	"Hand hygiene" is means the general term that applies to:
16	<u>(a)(A)</u>	"Hand washing," the decontamination process for the removal of soil and transient
17		microorganisms from the hands by a vigorous rubbing together of all surfaces of lathered
18		hands lathered with plain soap for at least 15 seconds, followed by rinsing under a stream
19		of water;
20	<u>(b)(B)</u>	"Antiseptic hand wash," the washing of hands with water and soap or other detergents
21		containing an antiseptic agent;
22	<u>(c)(C)</u>	"Antiseptic hand rub," the application of an alcohol-based hand rub product, to all surfaces
23		of the hands to reduce the number of microorganisms present; and
24	<u>(d)</u> (D)	"Hand antisepsis," a preoperative antiseptic hand wash or antiseptic hand rub to eliminate
25		transient microorganisms and reduce resident hand flora.
26	(25) [<mark>(26)</mark>] <u>(24)</u>	"Health History Assessment File" is means a the cumulative and permanent documentation
27	of a clie	nt's medical and treatment record which <u>that</u> is maintained by the <mark>electrologist.</mark> electrologist
28	<u>as set fo</u>	rth in Rule .0409 of this Section.
29	(26) [<mark>(27)</mark>] <u>(25)</u>	"Hirsute or Hirsutism" is means the excessive growth of hair that is thickened caused by
30	hormon	al or biochemical imbalances or genetic predisposition.
31	<u>(26) "Home</u>	study" means an educational activity undertaken by an individual, completed by
32	<u>correspo</u>	ondence or online, and with a certification of completion awarded at the end of the course.
33	(27) [<mark>(28)</mark>] <u>(27)</u>	"Hospital-grade disinfectant" is means a chemical germicide that is classed in a spectrum
34	of activi	ty as either low-level or intermediate-level, <u>as defined in Item 15 of this Rule,</u> with labeled
35	claims	for effectiveness against Salmonella choleraesuis, Staphylococcus aureus aureus, and
36	Pseudor	nonas aeruginosa.

1	(28) [<mark>(29)</mark>] <u>(28)</u>	"Indifferent electrode" is means a stainless steel bar held by the client during electrology
2	treatme	ents to complete current circuit with galvanic electrolysis modality or with the use of a timer
3	delay s	witch in automatic delivery epilators.
4	[<mark>(30)</mark>] <u>(29)</u>	"In-person seminar" [is] means continuing education that occurs in a physical location
5	rather t	han online.
6	(29) [<mark>(31)</mark>] <u>(30)</u>	"Instruments" <mark>are</mark> means tools or devices designed to perform a specific function, function
7	within	the field of electrology, such as grasping, holding, or retracting.
8	(30) [<mark>(32)</mark>] <u>(31)</u>	"Intact skin" is means skin in which the natural protective barrier has not been altered by
9	infectio	on or trauma.
10	(31) [<mark>(33)</mark>]	"Latex allergy" is a systemic or local allergic response to various latex proteins to which
11	the ind	ividual has been sensitized.
12	(32) [<mark>(34)</mark>]	"Medical grade gloves" are disposable gloves used during medical examinations and
13	proced	ures to prevent contamination between caregivers and patients.
14	(33) [<mark>(35)</mark>] <u>(32)</u>	"Microbial" is means a minute life form; a microorganism, especially a bacterium that
15	causes	disease.
16	(34) [<mark>(36)</mark>] <u>(33)</u>	"Nitrile" <mark>is <u>means</u> non-sterile, latex-free substance from which gloves are manufactured.</mark>
17	(35) [<mark>(37)</mark>] <u>(34)</u>	"Needle" is means the pre-sterilized, disposable wire filament which that is inserted into
10		r follicle for application of <u>electrical</u> current in electrology.
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1	(44) [<mark>(46)</mark>] <u>(4</u>	
2	reu	usable instrument that has been used or contaminated in order to be made safe for its intended use.
3	(45) [<mark>(47)</mark>](4	42) "Semi-critical items" are means instruments, devices, objects objects.
4	su:	rface surfaces that may come in contact with mucous membranes and non-intact skin, but do not
5	or	dinarily penetrate body surfaces. Semi-critical items require sterilization or exposure to high-level
6	dis	sinfection as set in Item 44 41 of this Rule.
7	(46) [<mark>(48)</mark>] <u>(4</u>	43) "Sharps container" is means a manufactured and labeled, leak-proof, rigid, puncture-
8	res	sistant, durable plastic container into which needles are placed after use and <mark>which</mark> t <u>hat</u> is designed
9	to	be disposed of as an item of regulated medical waste. waste regulated by the North Carolina
10	De	epartment of Environmental Quality.
11	(47) [<mark>(49)</mark>] <mark>(</mark>	44) "Standards" <mark>is means</mark> the level of quality or excellence.
12	(48) [<mark>(50)</mark>] <mark>(</mark>	45) "Sterility assurance file" is <u>means</u> the record containing the sterilizer maintenance and use
13	log	g and culture report from each biological monitor.
14	(49) [<mark>(51)</mark>] <mark>(</mark>	46) "Sterilization" is means the process which that destroys all forms of microbial life. The
15	rec	commended methods of sterilization of instruments and items used in the practice of electrology
16	are	e the dry heat sterilizer or the autoclave.
17	(50) [<mark>(52)</mark>]	"Tip for epilator needle" is the cap or plastic tip that surrounds the base of the needle and
18	eo	vers the pin device where the needle shank is seated.
19	(51) [<mark>(53)</mark>](4	17) "Treatment room" is means the operatory where electrolysis treatments are performed.
20	(52) [<mark>(54)</mark>](4	48) "Ultrasonic cleaner" is means a processing unit using device that uses ultrasonic waves
21	tra	unsmitted through the cleaning solution in a mechanical process known as cavitation. The
22	tra	unsmitted sound waves produce tiny air bubbles on instrument surfaces, which surfaces that scrub
23	tig	thtly adhering or embedded particles from solid surfaces and remove soil deposits from hard-to-
24	rea	ach areas.
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26	History Note: Au	thority G.S. 88A-6; <u>88A-13;</u> 88A-16;
27	Ef	f. December 1, 2010;
28	Pu	ursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,
29		9 48. 2018:
30		nended Eff. November 1, 2022.

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2	21 NCAC 19 .0	701 is amended with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 205-206 as follows:
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4	21 NCAC 19.0	0701 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, LICENSE RENEWAL,
5		REINSTATEMENT AND REACTIVATION
6	(a) Requirement	nts The following are requirements for the Board to approve renewals for electrologist or laser hair
7	practitioners:	
8	(1)	Each electrologist licensed in this State shall complete one CEU, <u>10 CEUs</u> as <u>defined</u> in Rule .0103
9		Rule .0404 of this Chapter, Chapter per renewal license effective period as a requirement for renewal
10		of the electrology license. For electrologists Electrologists with 20 30 or more years of practice,
11		practice without interruption in licensure the CEU requirement shall be completion of one CEU
12		complete 10 CEUs every five years. The first five-year period shall be measured from the issuance
13		date of the license in year 30, and subsequent periods shall be measured from the issuance date in
14		each fifth year thereafter.
15	(2)	Each A laser hair practitioner licensed in this State shall complete one CEU 10 CEUs per renewal
16		license effective period as a requirement for renewal of the laser hair practitioner license.
17	(3)	An electrologist or laser hair practitioner who has been placed on the inactive list by the Board as
18		<mark>set forth in G.S. 88A-14</mark> for less fewer than five years and desires to return to active status, <u>status</u>
19		shall present evidence certification of completion of one CEU 10 CEUs within the 12 months
20		preceding the reactivation application in satisfaction of the competency requirement of G.S. 88A-
21		14.
22	(4)	An electrologist or laser hair practitioner whose license has been expired for 90 days or more but
23		less than five years shall present certification of completion of one CEU 10 CEUs for each renewal
24		license effective period or part of a renewal license effective period that has elapsed since the
25		electrologist's or laser hair practitioner's license was last current current, in satisfaction of the
26		competency requirement of G.S. 88A-12. At least one 10 of the CEUs offered in satisfaction of a
27		competency requirement shall have been completed within the 12 months immediately preceding
28		the application for reinstatement.
29	(5)	Not more than one CEU <u>10 CEUs</u> [earned through in person seminar] may be carried over per
30		renewal period. to the next license effective period. CEUs earned through [other content delivery
31		<mark>methods</mark>] <u>home study</u> [cannot] <u>shall only</u> be carried over to the next license effective [period.] period
32		if the following occur:
33		(A) The education provider records the full name and license number of the attendee:
34		(B) There is both a host and a monitor administering the education, where the monitor verifies
35		that attendees are present during the presentation;
36		(C) The attendee has a camera on at all times so that the monitor can verify that the attendee is
37		participating in the presentation:

1		(D) The education provider records the time the attendee was present during the education; and
2		(E) The education provider submits verification of the licensee's attendance at the presentation
3		within 30 days of the event to the address in Rule .0101 of this Chapter.
4	(6)	No Licensees shall not receive credit from the Board for more than one CEU 10 CEUs of home
5		study may be credited for continuing education in each renewal <u>license effective</u> period. "Home
6		study" is defined as an educational activity undertaken by an individual, completed by
7		correspondence or online, and with a certification of completion awarded at the end of the course.
8		Continuing education hours obtained through home study may [shall] not be carried over to a
9		<mark>subsequent</mark> renewal [<mark>license effective</mark>] <mark>period</mark> .
10	(7)	In the initial year of licensure, new licensees tested who take a licensing examination after the sixth
11		month of the calendar year shall not be required to obtain CEUs until the following renewal year.
12	(8)	Over any two renewal sequential license effective periods, the Board shall give credit for no more
13		than one half CEU five CEUs in the area of business management.
14	(9)	New licensees shall be required to [renew licenses and] pay for inspections for the upcoming year.
15	<u>(10)</u>	An initial license shall not be issued until an initial inspection has been completed on the practicing
16		office.
17	(b) Requirement	ts The following are requirements for the Board to approve renewals for instructors:
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1	21 NCAC 19 .070	2 is amended with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 206 as follows:
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3	21 NCAC 19 .070	BOARD APPROVAL OF COURSES
4	(a) The Board sha	all approve a program or course if it is:
5	(1)	In in any subject required by 21 NCAC 19 .0601; and
6	(2)	Offered offered by one of the following entities:
7		(A) a college or university authorized to grant degrees in this State;
8		(B) a national professional electrolysis or laser hair practice association;
9		(C) a school or Continuing Education (CE) provider certified by the Board;
10		(D) American Society of Laser Medicine (ASLM);
11		(E) American Academy of Dermatology (AAD); or
12		(F) an entity providing a program of Certified Medical Education (CME).
13	(b) The <u>applican</u>	t or entity offering the program or course shall provide the Board with the information listed in
14	Paragraph (c) of t	his Rule and shall certify to the Board the names of all electrologists licensed by the Board who
15	attended the progr	am or course and their actual hours of attendance.
16	(c) The Board sha	all not approve a program or course without the following information:
17	(1)	Title, location, and date of the course; course or courses;
18	(2)	Sponsoring entity;
19	(3)	Course objective and outline of each course's content;
20	(4)	Hours of study; study for each course topic; and
21	(5)	Name, education, and background of each instructor.
22	(d) An electrolog	ist or laser hair practitioner seeking credit for a program or course offered by an entity not listed in
23	Paragraph (a) of th	nis Rule may request that the Board approve the course by submitting in writing, at least two months
24	in advance of the	course registration date, the information listed in Paragraph (c) of this Rule on an application form
25	provided by the	Board. The Application for Approval of Continuing Education may be obtained online at
26	www.ncbee.com.	the application for approval of continuing education as set forth in Rule .0705 of this Section.
27	(e) The Board sha	all approve a program or course if requested pursuant to Paragraph (d) of this Rule upon finding that
28	it meets the requir	ements of G.S. 88A-13. In determining whether or not to make When making this finding, the Board
29	shall consider the	program or course in light of the criteria set forth in The Continuing Education Unit Criteria and
30	Guidelines, curren	nt edition, as adopted by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training
31	(IACET) in conju	nction with the American Standards National Institute (ANSI) and incorporated herein by reference
32	including subsequ	ent amendments or editions. The presence of all criteria or the absence of individual criteria shall
33	not be conclusive	, and the Board shall have discretion in the approval of programs, courses, or providers on a case-
34	by case basis. Cop	pies of The Continuing Education Unit Criteria and Guidelines, current edition, may be obtained at
35	a cost of twenty	nine dollars and ninety five cents (\$29.95) for four hundred ninety-five dollars (\$495.00) at
36	http://www.IACE	T.org.

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- 1 (f) The Board shall notify the electrologist by <u>first-class</u> mail of the Board's findings and decision regarding the
- 2 request made pursuant to Paragraph (d) of this Rule.
- 3 (g) A change in subject matter, length, or instructor of a course requires reapproval by the Board.
- 4 (h) The entity offering the program or course shall either provide to the electrologist or directly to the Board
- 5 certification of the electrologist's actual hours of attendance after the program or course is complete.
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- History Note: Authority G.S. 88A-6; 88A-12; 88A-13; 88A-18;
- 8 *Eff. March 1, 1995;*
- 9 Amended Eff. September 1, 2015; December 1, 2010;
- 10 Readopted Eff. September 1, 2019; 2019;
- 11 <u>Amended Eff. November 1, 2022.</u>

1 21 NCAC 19 .0703 is amended as published in 37:02 NCR 207 as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 19 .0703 **COMPUTATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS** 4 (a) To obtain credit as a contact hour of continuing education, the learning activity experience scheduled for an hour 5 shall occupy at least 50 minutes of the hour. 6 (b) An electrologist may fulfill the continuing education requirements of Rule .0701 of this Section by completing 7 more than one course if the total equals one <u>10</u> or more CEUs. 8 (c) One semester credit hour at a university or college in a course that would enhance the practice of electrology or 9 laser hair practice, such as a course in the endocrine system, shall be equivalent to one CEU. 10 CEUs. A course may 10 be audited or taken for credit. 11 (d) An electrologist who teaches in a program or course approved by the Board may obtain CEU credit at the rate of 12 four contact hours for each contact hour of teaching. 13 14 Authority G.S. 88A-6; 88A-12; 88A-13; 88A-18; History Note: 15 Eff. March 1, 1995; Readopted Eff. September 1, 2019. 2019; 16 Amended Eff. November 1, 2022. 17

1 2 21 NCAC 19 .0704 is amended with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 207 as follows:

3 21 NCAC 19.0704 TIME LIMITS ON CREDIT

4 An electrologist or laser hair practitioner may carry over up to one CEU from one renewal period to the next. An 5 electrologist or laser hair practitioner applying for reinstatement under 21 NCAC 19.0203(b) who is Rule .0203(b) of 6 this Chapter and presenting CEUs in satisfaction of competency requirements may, however, subject to the 7 requirements of 21 NCAC 19 .0701(c), may receive credit for that purpose for any CEUs taken during the time the 8 applicant's license was expired, subject to the requirements of [Rule .0701(c)] Rule .0701 of this Section. 9 10 Authority G.S. 88A-6; 88A-12; 88A-13; 88A-18; *History Note:* 11 Eff. March 1, 1995; 12 Amended Eff. December 1, 2010; 13 Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1, 14 2018. <u>2018;</u> 15 Amended Eff. November 1, 2022.

1 21 NCAC 19 .0705 is adopted with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 207 as follows: 2 3 21 NCAC 19 .0705 **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION** 4 (a) The application An application for approval of continuing education shall be filed as set forth in Rule .0702(d) of 5 this Section. Section shall include It requests the following: following in his or her application: 6 (1)the application date; 7 (2)the sponsoring entity offering the continuing education; 8 (3)the name of the speakers or presenters; 9 (4)the title of the course; 10 (5) the location of the course; 11 (6)the date of the course; 12 (7)the number of hours of study; 13 (8) the course objectives and a summary of the course content; 14 (9) the educational or professional background of the speakers or presenters, or a copy of the curricula 15 vitae of the speakers or presenters; and (10)16 a summary of the learning outcomes of the course. 17 (b) Applicants An applicant shall submit the form to the address in Rule .0101 of this Chapter at least two months 18 before the course-registration date. 19 (c) Any change in subject matter, length, or instructor of a course shall require a new application. 20 (d) The application form is available at the website listed address listed in Rule .0101 of this Chapter. 21 (e) The application form shall be submitted as a fillable PDF and shall not be submitted as a handwritten form. 22 23 History Note: Authority G.S. 88A-6; 88A-13; Eff. November 1, 2022. 24

1 2 21 NCAC 19 .0706 is adopted with changes as published in 37:02 NCR 207 as follows:

3	21 NCAC 19 .07	06 WAIVER
4	The Board may v	vaive any rule in this Chapter that is not statutorily required if a licensee, or applicant for license or
5	certification, sub	mits a written request to the address in Rule .0101 of this Chapter. Factors the Board shall use in
6	determining whet	ther to grant the waiver are:
7	(1)	degree of disruption to the Board;
8	(2)	cost to the Board;
9	(3)	degree of benefit to the public;
10	(4)	whether the requesting party had control over the circumstances that required the requested waiver;
11	(5)	notice to and opposition by the public; public, provided that this notice does not conflict with laws
12		that would prohibit disclosure of information, such as the Health Insurance Portability and
13		Accountability Act or the North Carolina Identity Theft Protection Act;
14	(6)	need for the waiver; and
15	(7)	previous requests for waivers submitted from the requesting party.
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17	History Note:	Authority G.S. 88A-6; 150B-19(6);
18		<u>Eff. November 1, 2022.</u>