

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 207, 6504, 6506, 6507, 7401, and 7404 of the Education Law.

1. Section 70.4 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

Section 70.4 Licensing examinations.

(a) . . .

(b) . . .

(c) Retention of credit. [The] On or before December 31, 2023, the retention period on an examination approved pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be for a period of 18-months. Such 18-month retention period shall be computed in a manner determined by the Department. On or after January 1, 2024, the retention period on an examination approved pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section shall be for a period of 30-months. Such 30-month retention period shall be computed in a manner determined by the Department.

(1) Extension requests. The Department may in its discretion provide an applicant with an extension to the retention period prescribed in [paragraph] subdivision (c) of this [subdivision] section. An extension may be granted upon a finding by the Department of extenuating circumstances outside the applicant's control. The length of an extension shall be determined by the Department as it relates to the length of the extenuating circumstances experienced by the applicant. The Department may consult with the State Board for Public Accountancy on the appropriateness of granting extension requests. [The Department may accept passing examination scores that are

outside the 18-month requirement where such examinations cannot be completed in the 18-month due to the COVID-19 crisis].