

## Extension of the Flexibility Granted due to COVID-19 to December 31, 2020

The National Registry of CPE Sponsors has been providing flexibility to “Group Live only” approved sponsors, allowing for in-person events to be modified and offered online as a result of COVID-19. The timeframe for flexibility was granted from March 13, 2020 until September 30, 2020.

Given the current circumstances with government-imposed social distancing requirements and indications of continued concern to hold in-person events through the remainder of the calendar year, we are extending the flexibility to “Group Live only” sponsors until **December 31, 2020**.

We **strongly** encourage our sponsors that are only approved for the Group Live delivery method to apply for either the Group Internet Based or QAS Self Study delivery methods to be prepared for remote training in the instance that COVID-19 or some other circumstance becomes a disruptor in the future.

We have experienced a significant influx of applications for the Group Internet Based and QAS Self Study delivery methods. We are working diligently to review all applications. Please remember that the more the documents and program materials submitted with the application adhere to the *Statement on Standards for CPE Programs (Standards)*, the more quickly we can complete the application review process.

In addition to providing flexibility to our “Group Live only” approved sponsors, we have provided some allowances with regard to certain matters in the *Standards* for Group Internet Based approved sponsors. We will also extend this flexibility through **December 31, 2020**.

We again emphasize that sponsors should do their best to adhere to the *Standards*. However, we understand that unanticipated circumstances may arise that make strict adherence impractical. **All deviations** from the *Standards* **must be documented** and such documentation should include the reasons for the deviation and the compensating measures taken.

Please see the [Impact of COVID-19 page](#) on our website for more detailed information.

Should you have any questions, please contact the National Registry team. The most effective way to reach us during these times is by email at [cpe@nasba.org](mailto:cpe@nasba.org).