

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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CONTINUING EDUCATION)	Administrative Directive
REQUIREMENT – ONLINE)	No. 2021 - <u>01</u>
EDUCATION)	(Amending Administrative
)	Directive No. 2020-20)
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15). In Administrative Order No. 2020-45, the Chief Justice ordered that the Administrative Director “may suspend the requirements of any section of the Code of Judicial Administration if he determines that public health emergency measures significantly impair the ability to operate the program or the parties governed by that code section.”

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration contains numerous continuing education requirements. Pursuant to ACJA § 7-202(L)(4)(g) [fiduciaries]; 7-203(L)(4)(e) [confidential intermediaries]; 7-205(L)(4)(f) [defensive driving instructors]; 7-206(L)(4)(e) [certified reporters]; and 7-208(L)(4)(d) [legal document preparers] fiduciaries, confidential intermediaries, defensive driving instructors, certified reporters and legal document preparers are limited as to how many hours of online continuing education may be included to meet the continuing education requirements.

COVID-19 has created situations in which fiduciaries, confidential intermediaries, defensive driving instructors, certified reporters and legal document preparers are having difficulty or cannot timely comply with the continuing education requirement requiring a certain number of in-person continuing education.

Therefore, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-45

IT IS DIRECTED suspending the limitation on the amount of online continuing education that can be included to meet the continuing education requirement for fiduciaries, confidential intermediaries, defensive driving instructors, certified reporters and legal document preparers.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that this Administrative Directive applies to on-line continuing education completed on or before January 31, 2022.

Dated this 28th day of January, 2021.

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