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The New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) published a [notice](#) discontinuing the Temporary Emergency Reciprocity License (TERL) program effective August 1, 2022, for the following health care practitioners:

- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Certified Social Worker
- Doctor of Osteopathy
- Homemaker Home Health Aid
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Social Worker
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Medical Doctor
- Professional Counselor
- Psychoanalyst
- Psychologist
- Registered Professional Nurse

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the TREL program waived some of New Jersey's professional licensure requirements and enabled health care practitioners licensed in other states to quickly and legally obtain emergency licenses and treat patients in New Jersey.

Effective September 1, 2022, TERL license holders must refrain from practicing in New Jersey unless they participate in a bridge program by filing an application for a New Jersey plenary license. Any TERL license holder who had applied by August 31, 2022, will qualify for the bridge program and will be authorized to continue practicing in New Jersey until the earliest of: (i) the date of issuance of a New Jersey plenary license; (ii) the date of notification of denial of the application for a New Jersey plenary license; or (iii) the end of the day on March 31, 2023.

If a TERL license holder who has not filed an application for a New Jersey plenary license continues to practice in New Jersey after September 1, 2022, the individual will be engaging in the unlicensed practice of a profession and may be subject to civil or criminal penalties.

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