

NOTICE TO THE BAR

CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS – COVID-19 – TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF STEPS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN CREDENTIAL

The Supreme Court has approved the Municipal Court Administrator Certification Board's request to allow a modification of the sequence of steps required for individuals to complete the certification process during COVID-19. The Court's authorization, as set forth in the Court's January 20, 2021 order (attached), thus temporarily relaxes the provisions of the Certification Board Regulations in that regard.

By separate notice to the candidates for certification, the Certification Board has issued guidance regarding the details of registration for the upcoming oral examination component of the certification process.

The provisions of the Court's Order will remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and until further Order.

Questions about this notice may be directed to Steven A. Somogyi, Assistant Director for Municipal Court Services, at 609-815-2900, ext. 54850, or steven.somogyi@njcourts.gov. Questions regarding the oral examination registration process or other operation details may be directed to Board staff at JUCERT.mbx@njcourts.gov.



Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: April 27, 2021

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the New Jersey Judiciary has implemented various modifications to court operations and related measures intended to minimize in-person contact and adhere to social distancing measures recommended by the New Jersey Department of Health (“NJ DOH”) and the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”).

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the normal operations of the Municipal Court Administrator Certification Board (Board) by forcing cancellation of in-person administrations of the written examination required as part of the certification process for municipal court directors, municipal court administrators, and deputy municipal court administrators.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately:

1. Municipal Court Administrator Certification Board Regulation 5:1 (“Certification Process”) is relaxed and supplemented so as to permit the Board to allow certification candidates to complete the certification requirements (including the written examination) in a sequence other than as otherwise provided for in the Board Regulations.

2. The provisions of this Order shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and until further court order.

For the Court,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shael R. Palmer".

Chief Justice

Dated: January 20, 2021