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American Heart Association (AHA) – March 31, 2020	-120-day extension from date of expiration	  AHA Extension - 120 days.pdf COVID-19 HR Communication_AHA
American Academy of Pediatrics - Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) – April 15, 2020	-120-day expiration for those expiring in March, April, May, June or July of 2020	 NRP Extension - 120 days.pdf
Fire Life and Safety - March 19, 2020	-180-day extension from March 1, 2020 for expired cards and new hired (08/27/2020)	 Los Angeles City Fire Department Extensior
Department of Motor and Vehicle (DMV) – April 14, 2020	-Drivers under 70 extended through May 31, drivers can request an optional paper extension online -Drivers over 70 will automatically receive temporary paper extension valid for 120 days	 DMV Extension 4.14.20.pdf
International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management (IAHCSCMM) – March 20, 2020	-Certification due to renew on March 31, 2020 will be given an extension until April 30, 2020 -Certifications due to renew on April 30, 2020 will be given an extension until May 30, 2020 -Can continue to renew online	 CRCST renewal Extension.pdf
Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) – March 30, 2020	-Frequently Asked Questions	 BRN Update with FAQs.pdf
California Department of Public Health (CDPH) – April 6, 2020	-CNAs will shows a status of "active" or "employable during a state of emergency"	 CNA Extension.pdf
The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) – March 30, 2020	-Temporarily extend deadlines for several of its requirements. Information as it applies to individuals is noted on their online account	 ARRT Extension.pdf
Emergency Medical Services (EMT, AEMT and Paramedics) – March 30, 2020	-Expiring in March, April or June of 2020 shall have expiration dates extended until July 31, 2020	 Emergency Medical Services Extension.pdf
Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC) – April 3, 2020	-Effective March 17 are providing 30-day extension -Test centers expected to reopen April 16	 ONCC Extension.pdf

March 31, 2020

Purpose: To provide additional flexibility for providers, AHA Instructors, and Instructor candidates during the COVID-19 pandemic. *NOTE: This guidance on card extensions supersedes the guidance outlined in the March 13, 2020, document, "Interim Guidance on Extensions for AHA Instructor & Provider Cards during COVID-19 Outbreak."*

AHA Instructor and Provider Card Extensions

Per the statement regarding further extensions of AHA course completion cards beyond 60 days past the recommended renewal day (in interim guidance released on March 13, 2020), and given the ongoing threat of exposure to COVID-19, with many communities under shelter in place orders to minimize the spread of the disease, the AHA is extending AHA Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date, beginning with cards that expire in March 2020.

Please see the AHA's guidance below, and disseminate to anyone who has a business need for this information (e.g., students, employers, medical or safety regulators, etc.).

For Instructor Cards expiring beginning in March 2020:

- AHA Instructor cards will be valid for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date.
- Instructor candidates will also have 10 months from the completion of their Instructor course to complete monitoring.
- Management of this extension, and any record-keeping, will be the responsibility of the Training Center.

For AHA Provider Cards expiring beginning in March 2020:

- AHA Provider Cards will be valid for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date.
- Management of this extension, and any record-keeping, will be the responsibility of the Training Center.

AHA Policy on Expired Cards for Update/Renewal Courses:

- Over the next 120 days, for providers whose cards have expired due to inability to complete training during the COVID-19 outbreak, the AHA will allow Instructors to provide remediation during update courses.

Interim Guidance on Extensions for AHA Instructor & Provider Cards during COVID-19 Outbreak



CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

- This allowance may be extended based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat.

General Guidance for CPR Training during COVID-19 Outbreak

As a reminder, the AHA advises all AHA Training Centers and Instructors to follow the existing recommendations outlined on the [World Health Organization \(WHO\) website](#), and in the U.S., refer to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommendations, as well as the guidance of national, state, and local public health authorities, which will have the most up-to-date facts and will provide information on basic protective measures against COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19 guidance to the AHA Training Network, please visit the Training Updates section of the AHA Instructor Network. Please continue to check your email and notifications placed on the [AHA Instructor Network](#) or [CPRverify](#) regularly for possible updates to AHA training policies.

Sent on behalf of Arlene Peasnall-Senior Vice President and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Linda Knodel- Senior Vice President, National Patient Care Services, and Scott Young-Senior Medical Director, Quality and CMI

As COVID-19 evolves, we continue to monitor requirements for licensure, certifications, and registrations. We have received an update and Kaiser Permanente will honor a **120-day extension** “grace period” for Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards (BLS, ACLS, PALS, PEARS, NRP, TNCC, ENPC etc.) beyond their recommended renewal date, beginning with cards that expire in March 2020.

Please continue to work with nursing and other clinical stakeholders and cascade this message accordingly.

Thank you,

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMUNICATION

Sent on behalf of Arlene Peasnall-Senior Vice President and Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Linda Knodel- Senior Vice President, National Patient Care Services, and Scott Young-Senior Medical Director, Quality and CMI

In response to COVID-19 and to ensure continued operation of essential services for our members and patients, we as an organization are addressing both ambulatory and in-patient certification renewals for our employees and contingent workforce (e.g. travelers).

Kaiser Permanente will honor a 60-day extension “grace period” for Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards (BLS, ACLS, PALS, PEARS, NRP, TNCC, ENPC etc.) that are expiring March through May 2020. This allowance may be extended on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat.

For new hires or transfers that are unable to obtain current certifications, Talent Acquisition will work with the local manager, Human Resources and legal on a case by case basis. To ensure alignment with state agencies and regulatory bodies, please contact your local Quality or Accreditation, Risk and Licensing leaders. It may be permissible to inform regulators and move forward with the plan under these unusual circumstances due to critically low staffing levels resulting in a risk to patient safety and class cancellations due to shelter in place and/or social distancing requirements. To monitor this enterprise wide, please keep National HR Risk Management informed of any new guidance or changes that may arise from your state agencies/regulatory bodies.

To operationalize this regionally, please work with nursing and other clinical stakeholders. We have prepared communication templates for impacted employees, contingent worker agencies (e.g. travelers, etc.) and vendors that provide training for certifications that can be cascaded accordingly.

We will continue to monitor this and keep you updated.

Thank you



Updated Recommendation on Extensions for NRP Instructor & Provider Cards during COVID-19 Outbreak

April 15, 2020

Dear NRP Instructors/Providers,

As additional precautionary measures are being implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Life Support and NRP Customer Service Teams have faced questions about further extending the grace period for expirations of NRP Provider and Instructor Cards, from the initial 60 day extension granted on March 16, 2020, to a total of 120 days. We recognize that many of you face restrictions on travel and mass gatherings, in addition to increased clinical duties in this extraordinary time.

For those individuals whose NRP expiration date falls in March, April, May, June, or July of 2020, the AAP recommends that employers and regulatory bodies consider extending recognition of an NRP card beyond its recommended renewal date, for up to 120 days. However, please know that it is ultimately up to the discretion of employers and regulatory bodies who require current NRP Cards to consider allowing extensions during this time. This extension may be increased, depending on how the COVID-19 public health threat evolves.

Please show this letter to your administrator first. Only in the event that your institution requires a card with the extended expiration date, please email lifesupport@aap.org with your request and we will respond as soon as we are able. Please disseminate this message to anyone who has a business need for this information (employers, administrators, medical or safety regulators, etc.).

AAP Life Support

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March 19, 2020

Extension Granted for all Healthcare Workers

The Los Angeles City Fire Department, in support of the Mayor's directive and due to the COVID-19 threat, we are suspending all fire and life safety classes as well as quarterly fire drills. The Los Angeles City fire department will be granting a 180 day extension from March 1, 2020 to expired fire and life safety cards. The Fire Department will also be extending the 30 day requirement for all new hires that need a fire and life safety card to 180 days from March 1, 2020. This will allow Hospital and Skilled Nursing personnel to better serve the public during these unprecedented times. The Los Angeles City Fire department will update if an extension is needed past September 1, 2020.

Thank you for your understanding during these trying times. If you have any questions please contact the Schools, Churches and Institutions Unit at (213) 978-3664.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2020

DMV Extends All Expiring Driver Licenses

Customers eligible to renew license online encouraged to do so
Commercial licenses extended through June 30; drivers under 70
extended through May 31 Drivers can request an optional paper
extension online Drivers 70 and older will automatically receive
temporary paper extension valid for 120 days

Sacramento – The California Department of Motor Vehicles is extending driver licenses expiring during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licenses for drivers younger than 70 that expire between March and May 2020 are now valid through May 31, 2020.

All commercial driver licenses, endorsements and certificates expiring between March and June 2020 are now valid through June 30, 2020, aligning with a recent emergency declaration from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The extension does not include medical certificates for commercial drivers, which requires additional administrative actions scheduled in the near future.

The DMV has alerted California law enforcement of the extensions. Californians with a suspended license are not eligible.

The DMV continues to review and process online renewals, and encourages drivers who are eligible to renew their license online to do so.

The extensions require no individual action on the part of drivers. These drivers will not receive a new card or an extension in the mail. As an option, these drivers can [request a free temporary paper extension online](#) through DMV's Virtual Field Office to document their extension.

The Virtual Field Office, virtual.dmv.ca.gov, builds on the other [online services](#) already available to DMV customers at dmv.ca.gov, including driver license renewals.

The temporary extensions are in addition to other steps the DMV announced earlier this month to [help Californians with expiring licenses](#), including:

- A 120-day extension for drivers age 70 and older. Drivers age 70 and older with expiring noncommercial licenses are receiving an extension in the mail automatically.
- Temporarily waiving required in-person renewals for eligible driver license and identification cardholders with expirations in March, April, and May 2020. Individuals who meet the criteria are able to [renew online](#) or by mail.

The DMV continues to provide essential services via mail, online, kiosks, its call center, available business partners and now virtually to process critical transactions, including eligible driver license and vehicle registration renewals, during the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers can use the [Service Advisor](#) on the DMV website to learn their options to complete DMV tasks.

The measures to help Californians with expiring driver licenses are the latest DMV actions during the coronavirus pandemic, including:

- [Temporarily closing field offices](#). Following deep cleaning, expansion of virtual services and development of new protocols, the DMV soon will offer in-person services in each region. Information on office openings will be announced by DMV in the [near DMV](#).



- Canceling all behind-the-wheel drive tests to honor social distancing guidelines.
- Suspending extended office hours and Saturday service.

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March 20, 2020

Dear Manager,

IAHCSMM has been closely monitoring and updating our business continuity plan in response to COVID-19. Due to the adjustments in staffing and resources, we have extended certification deadlines due to expire in March and April for 30 days.

- Certifications due to renew on March 31, 2020 will be given an extension until April 30, 2020
- Certifications due to renew on April 30, 2020 will be given an extension until May 30, 2020

Please note: This will not change the original expiration date for future renewals.

If you have an employee who has a certification renewal due during this time, please know we will continue to process renewals as quickly as possible to support our certificants through this process.

If you have any questions regarding certification, please contact IAHCSMM headquarters at 312.440.0078 or certification@iahcsmm.org.

Sincerely,



Susan Adams, CAE
Executive Director

Dear Stakeholders –

While California continues to navigate the uncertainty of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and limit its spread, the Board of Registered Nursing is committed to supporting our licensees, applicants, and consumers throughout the course of this pandemic and to provide continuity of service at all times. The Board of Registered Nursing is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation, coordinating with the state and local governments, and working with our partners to protect the health of Californians.

The Board of Registered Nursing understands the ability to perform your jobs with a license is a priority. We appreciate your patience as we work on implementing new technologies to work remotely and adhere to social distancing guidelines. We apologize in advance for any delays in reaching our staff or potential delays in our processing times.

We have received a number of inquiries from our licensees. We are providing the below FAQ's in an effort to provide information.

The best general guidance will continue to come from the [California Department of Public Health](#), the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and the [World Health Organization](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will Continuing Education Requirements Be Postponed?

At this time the law does not allow this.

2. Are There Fee Waivers Available?

At this time the law does not allow this.

3. Should My Business or Practice Remain Open?

The Board of Registered Nursing does not have authority to close businesses or practices solely as a result of COVID-19. We strongly encourage you to assess whether your business is an essential job function as outlined by the Governor and follow the guidelines from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Check with your local county health department to determine what activities are also considered essential and non-essential.

4. My License is Retired. Can I Renew to Help Combat Coronavirus?

At this time you need to follow requirements on restoring a license.

5. My Exam Was Canceled. What Does that Mean?

The Board of Registered Nursing will be working to ensure that applications are processed once all required documents from schools, agencies, and other states are received. Your Authorization to Test (ATT) will come from Pearson VUE (the organization that provides the test administration and services test development). Currently, NCLEX test delivery centers are closed. Please contact [Pearson VUE](#) for updated information.

6. I am licensed in a state outside of California. Does California allow licensing reciprocity during the State of Emergency?

If you are a licensed healthcare provider in a state other than California, please visit the [Emergency](#)

[Medical Services Authority](#) for information to be able to practice in California. Please visit the “Authorization of Out-Of-State Medical Personnel” section on this website.

The Board of Registered Nursing reminds all licensees to be particularly mindful and respectful that this is a time of high anxiety for all Californians.

If you have any additional inquiries we recommend you use the emails listed below:

Applicant Services

Licensing requirements, application status, advanced practice certification

BRN.Licensing@dca.ca.gov

Licensee Services

License/certificate renewal, continuing education, license verification

Renewals.BRN@dca.ca.gov

Fingerprint Inquiries

BRNFingerprints@dca.ca.gov

Enforcement Program

Complaint process, license discipline and convictions

Enforcement.BRN@dca.ca.gov

Nursing Education Consultants

Scope of practice issues/questions

NEC.BRN@dca.ca.gov

Online (BreEZe) Technical Support

BreEZe registration/logon issues, locked or retired account assistance

BreEZe@dca.ca.gov

Phone: (916) 557-1208

Thank you,
California Board of Registered Nursing



State of California—Health and Human
Services Agency
**California Department of
Public Health**



April 5, 2020

AFL 20-35

TO: All Facilities

SUBJECT: Suspension of Professional Certification Requirements for Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs)

AUTHORITY: Proclamation of a State of Emergency (PDF) and Executive Orders N-27-20 (PDF) and N-39-20 (PDF)

All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary

This AFL notifies all facilities of a temporary waiver of specified statutory and regulatory requirements for CNAs due to the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-39-20 (PDF) related to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) may waive any of the professional certification requirements and amend scopes of practice of Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) and accompanying regulations with respect to CNAs. CDPH is temporarily waiving specified CNA requirements and suspending regulatory enforcement of the following provisions:

Initial Certification

1. **HSC section 1337.5(b)(2)-(3) and Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 71835(j):** A nurse assistant enrolled in an approved certification training program may continue to be employed throughout the declared emergency for more than 3 months after the start date of employment. A nurse assistant may delay completion of the training program and competency testing until after the end of the declared emergency but is encouraged to complete the program as training programs resume. A nurse assistant who has not completed the training program shall only render services at the competency level confirmed by the training program on a competency checklist to be shared with the facility.

2. **Title 22 CCR section 71835 (f):**

Due to the current state of emergency, a nurse assistant enrolled in an approved certification training program or competency evaluation program may provide patient care prior to having a test for tuberculosis infection. The nurse assistant shall complete the test for tuberculosis infection as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.

Renewal

3. **HSC sections 1263(c), 1337.1(e)(2), 1337.6 and 22 CCR section 71839:** All CNAs in an active status are encouraged to renew following normal timelines. A CNA seeking certificate renewal may complete any of the 48 required hours of in-service or continuing education units at any time during the 2-year recertification period and may complete all of the required 48 hours through online or distance learning formats.

Expired Certification

4. **HSC section 1337.6 and Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 71839:** A CNA whose certification expired within the previous 2 years, or whose certification will expire during the state of emergency, may work as a CNA for the duration of the declared emergency without renewal. All facilities must check CDPH's online verification page to verify employment eligibility. Only those CNAs with a status of "active" or "employable during state of emergency" or who have a copy of their certificate that has been expired within the previous 2 years may be employed.

Reciprocity

5. **HSC section 1337.2(d)-(e):** A licensed vocational nurse (LVN) or registered nurse (RN) seeking certification and possessing a valid license issued by another state or foreign country, whether active or expired within the last 2 years, may begin working as a CNA immediately upon submission of an application for certification to CDPH.

Criminal Record Clearance

6. **HSC sections 1337(b), 1337.2, 1337.6(a)(3), and 1338.5:** Due to the current inability to obtain Live Scan services, nurse assistants seeking initial certification or applicants seeking certification through reciprocity or equivalency, will not be required to submit proof of Live Scan completion until as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.

Report of Change

7. **HSC section 1337.6(j):** A CNA must notify CDPH of a change of address as soon as practicable, but no later than 30 days after the expiration of the state of emergency.

As a result of this temporary waiver, facilities do not need to submit individual program flexibility requests to employ nurse assistants or CNAs using the waivers specified above. Requests for waivers not specified in this AFL shall be submitted using the CDPH 5000A (PDF).

CDPH understands the importance of ensuring the health and safety of all Californians and maintaining vital access to health care services. CDPH encourages facilities to implement contingency plans to address staff absenteeism and the rapid influx of residents. CDPH will continue to promote quality healthcare and provide technical assistance and support compliance with core health and safety requirements, pursuant to Executive Order N-27-20 (PDF). CDPH is taking this unprecedented action due to the significant challenges California's health care system is facing as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

This waiver is valid until the end of the declared emergency.

CDPH will continue to investigate and conduct enforcement activities for allegations of the most serious violations impacting health and safety, pursuant to Executive Order N-27-20 (PDF).

If you have any questions about this AFL, please contact the Professional Certification Branch, Aide and Technician Certification Section via email at cna@cdph.ca.gov. Please include reference to AFL 20-35: Suspension of Professional Certification Requirements for CNAs in the subject line of the email.

Any future AFLs related to temporary emergency waivers of statutory requirements for CNAs, NATPs, or competency examinations may be found on CDPH's All Facilities Letters 2020 webpage.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Heidi W. Steinecker

Heidi W. Steinecker
Deputy Director

Resources:

- Proclamation of a State of Emergency (PDF)
- Executive Order N-27-20 (PDF)
- Executive Order N-39-20 (PDF)
- CDPH form 5000A (PDF)

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ARRT AND COVID-19

ARRT is closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and how it's affecting students and R.T.s. Students with questions about completing their requirements should contact their Program Directors for more information. R.T.s who have questions related to their postprimary eligibility pathway requirements, renewals, CQR, or other issues should log on to their online accounts to see if they've received an update specific to their concerns. For more information, please visit the ARRT COVID-19 Update page (<https://www.arrt.org/COVID19>). We'll update it throughout the pandemic.

ARRT COVID-19 UPDATE

Although ARRT's office building is temporarily closed, most of our staff are working remotely to help keep you updated during the pandemic. **Our primary communications vehicle for now is this ARRT COVID-19 Update page.** Please periodically check here for updates.

R.T.s can also log into their online ARRT account and use the Message Us function. Someone will typically get back to you within a business day. Although we're working on getting our phones back in operation, we aren't ready to take calls at this time.

HELP INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF PPE FOR R.T.S AND OTHERS

On March 26, 2020, leading organizations within the diagnostic imaging community—including ARRT—sent this letter (/docs/default-source/government-affairs/covid-19-ppe-letter.pdf?sfvrsn=df5b07fc_2) to President Trump. It urges the federal government to increase the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) for R.T.s and other health care workers.

Now it's your turn to help. To voice your support of this request to your state and federal policymakers, please visit the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Advocacy Action Center (<http://cqrcengage.com/asrt/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=506985>). The link will enable you to send a message to your lawmakers.

INFORMATION FOR R.T.S, STUDENTS, AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS

GENERAL

ARRT will temporarily extend deadlines for several of its requirements. Information as it applies to individuals is noted on their online account.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

ARRT understands that rapidly changing circumstances are creating challenges for your medical imaging or radiation therapy educational programs. At this time, we haven't approved any deviations from our stated educational requirements—but we're exploring ways students can meet the intent of our educational requirements if disruptions to traditional educational opportunities continue.

Because our phone system is currently unavailable, Program Directors who have specific questions should visit our Program Directors' website (<https://edweb.arrt.org/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2F>). Log in and select Quick Content Form under the Contact ARRT tab. Then select Educators' Website Question from the Subject drop-down list.

ARRT EXAM CANDIDATES

Pearson VUE has closed its testing centers until at least April 16 and is emailing candidates to notify them of their cancelled exam appointments. These notifications are being emailed in the order that a candidate's exam is scheduled. Due to high call volumes, Pearson VUE is recommending that candidates reschedule their exam online at [pearsonvue.com \(https://home.pearsonvue.com/arrt\)](https://home.pearsonvue.com/arrt) rather than calling.

CQR PARTICIPANTS

Although Pearson VUE test centers are currently closed, Pearson VUE's online proctored option (<https://home.pearsonvue.com/arrt/onvue>) for your SSA is still available.

STUDENTS

- Students with questions about completing their requirements should contact their Program Directors for more information.
- Primary eligibility applications for certification and registration will not be processed during this time. Processing will commence in the order applications are received when ARRT employees are able to return to work.

R.T.S OR R.R.A.S

If you're an R.T. or R.R.A. and you have questions related to your postprimary eligibility pathway requirements, renewals, CQR, or other issues, log on to your online account to see if you've received messaging specific to your concerns. If not, use the Message Us function to ask your question. Someone will typically get back to you within a business day.

RADIOLOGY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

Below are links to radiology-specific resources from authoritative sources regarding COVID-19:

- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) (<https://www.asrt.org/more/covid19>)
- American College of Radiology (ACR) (<https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/COVID-19-Radiology-Resources>)
- Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging (SNMMI-TS) (<http://www.snmmi.org/>)
- Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) ([https://www.sdms.org/news/2020/03/11/sdms-update-coronavirus-disease-2019-\(covid-19\)](https://www.sdms.org/news/2020/03/11/sdms-update-coronavirus-disease-2019-(covid-19)))
- Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) (https://pubs.rsna.org/2019-ncov_articles)
- American Roentgen Ray Society (ARRS) (https://www.arrs.org/ARRSLIVE/Education/coronavirus_covid19-radiology-open-access-articles.aspx)
- American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) (<https://www.aium.org/soundWaves/article.aspx?aid=1120&iid=20200319>)

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DATE: March 30, 2020
TO: EMS Community
FROM: Dave Duncan MD
Director
SUBJECT: POLICY TO IMPLEMENT THE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR REGARDING EMS LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND TRAINING

On the 30th day of March 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-39-20, which states in part:

“6. To ensure the continued operation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system without unduly endangering the people of California during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority may as necessary and only for the duration of the declared emergency, suspend any licensing, certification, or training requirements for EMS personnel as contained in the EMS Act Chapters 2, 3, and 4, and accompanying regulations, including the authority to permit EMS personnel to provide services in any setting as authorized by the Director for the performance of the current scope of practice. The Authority shall provide guidance to local emergency medical services authorities directing the appropriate qualifications and scope of practice for each classification operating under a waiver based on sound clinical guidelines and the individual’s training, education, and work experience. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the Authority’s website.”

In order to implement the Governor’s order waiving statutory and regulatory requirements for EMS Personnel to ensure the continued operation of emergency medical services, the EMS Authority is directing the California EMS System consisting of local EMS agencies, certifying entities, EMS providers and employers, paramedics, AEMTs and EMTs to implement the following actions:

1. All EMS personnel (EMT, AEMT and paramedic) with licenses or certifications (or local accreditation) expiring in March, April, or June of 2020 shall have their license or certification expiration dates extended until July 31, 2020.
2. EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics shall be allowed to perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites,

in-home settings, or any additional setting approved by the director of the Authority for purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Any EMT, AEMT or paramedic whose license or certification has expired in the six (6) month period prior to March 30, 2020, will be allowed to function under their previous scope of practice for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, provided that they do not have a history of license or certification discipline.
4. The requirement for a completed skills competency verification by EMTs for renewal or reinstatement is waived for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency.
5. For the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, training programs shall:
 - a. Allow for the use of high-fidelity simulation in place of the 10 clinical contacts for the purposes of training and graduating EMT students.
 - b. Allow for the use of high-fidelity simulation in place of 20 of a paramedic's required 40 ALS contacts during the field internship phase of training.
 - c. Suspend EMT skills exams for certification.
 - d. Inform paramedic students in writing of the need to extend clinical and/or field internship placement timelines with an estimated time of doing so.
6. The National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) provisional registrations or a successful completion of the NREMT written (knowledge) Assessment exam shall be accepted for purposes of certification, licensure or reinstatement. EMS personnel with a provisional NREMT registration shall be required to receive a full NREMT registration within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing. EMS personnel who have successfully completed the NREMT written Assessment exam shall be required to complete the NREMT psychomotor exam within 6 months of the NREMT allowing testing.

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COVID-19 Disruptions for ONCC Certification Candidates

ONCC's testing partner, Prometric, has closed testing centers in the United States and Canada for 30 days, effective March 17.

This step is necessary to comply with federal guidance and to protect the health of individual test takers and staff at these centers. Test centers are expected to reopen April 16, but the specific date will depend on circumstances that are changing daily. As a result of the closure:

- Prometric will contact individuals with testing appointments scheduled during the closure and reschedule those appointments into a new date after the planned re-opening. Prometric will waive any rescheduling fees. Prometric will provide current information on COVID-19 response at www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update. (<http://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update>.)
- ONCC will extend the 90-day Authorization to Test (ATT) for test candidates affected by test center closures. ONCC will provide candidates with a new ATT expiration date when there is more certainty about the date test centers will re-open. All test candidates will receive a full 90-day testing period.
- ONCC will continue to accept test applications. However, because test centers are currently closed, ONCC will wait to issue ATTs until there is greater certainty about the date test centers will re-open. All test candidates will receive a full 90-day testing window.

In addition, the shipment of ONCC certificates, wallet cards, and pins may be delayed due to the public health mandate. Nurses may use our online Credential Verification to provide proof of certification.

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