



EMS Information Bulletin 2020-08

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SUBJECT: Issued Extension to EMS Certification Expiration Dates

TO: All PA EMS Stakeholders

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With the Governor's authorization as conferred in the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020, all statutory and regulatory provisions that would impose an impediment to implementing the guidance outlined in this letter are suspended. Those suspensions will remain in place while the proclamation of disaster emergency remains in effect.

Therefore, the Bureau of EMS is announcing that individuals with the following types of EMS provider certifications that have expiration dates of either 03/31/2020 or 04/01/2020 will be extended to **07/01/2020**. This suspends the requirement found in 35 Pa.C.S. §§ 8113- 8120, 8122, and 8126; and 28 Pa. Code §§ 1023.22, and 1023.24-1023.30.

EMS Provider Certifications Impacted:

- Emergency Medical Services Vehicle Operator
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Advance Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic
- Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse
- Pre-Hospital Physician Extender
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Physician
- Medical Command Physician

In addition, effective immediately any Department approved CPR course appearing on [EMSIB 2018-11 State Recognized CPR Programs](#) and has a suggested/actual expiration date of on or after January 1, 2020 will be considered by the Bureau to be current through July 1, 2020.

Any questions related to this memo should be directed to your Regional EMS Council.