

Information and Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Expiration of EMS Licenses and Certifications

Pursuant to Governor Hogan's Order Number 20-06-19-01, dated June 19, 2020, the expiration date of all licenses and certifications issued by the State of Maryland is extended until the 30th day after the date the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded.

All EMS clinicians are encouraged to renew prior to their expiration date. Further, EMS clinicians are expected to continue to meet the standards for professional conduct which includes completion of continuing education and other requirements for renewal consistent with their current license or certification cycle.

MIEMSS is issuing this FAQ to clarify the impact of the Governor's order on EMS licenses and certifications and when MIEMSS may grant an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J.

Please note that a license or certification issued after any extension, including the extension under the Governor's order and any extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J, will be for a term starting from the original expiration date for your current license or certification cycle.

Answers to specific questions regarding how this impacts your EMS license or certification are below.

Q. I am a paramedic or CRT and the original expiration date for my current license cycle is April 30, 2020. When will my license expire?

A. If you don't renew, or request an extension, your license will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends. In the meantime, your license will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new license will expire April 30, 2022. For information about the National Registry requirements see: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19>

Q. I am a paramedic or CRT and the original expiration date for my current license cycle is April 30, 2020. May I request an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J?

A. Yes, if you submit your request before October 31, 2020, you may receive a 6-month extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J. Your license will then expire April 30, 2021 or 30 days after the end of the State of Emergency, whichever is later. Note that upon renewal, the new license will expire April 30, 2022.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is December 31, 2019. When does my certification expire?

A. If you don't renew, your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later. In the meantime, your certification will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new certification will expire December 31, 2022.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR, or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is December 31, 2019. May I request an extension under COMAR 30.02.02.07J?

A. No. Your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later.

Q. I am an EMT, EMR or EMD and the original expiration date for my current certification cycle is June 30, 2020. When does my certification expire?

A. If you don't renew or request an extension, your certification will expire 30 days after the state of emergency ends or December 31, 2020, whichever is later. In the meantime, your certification will be extended on a month-to-month basis. After you complete the requirements for renewal, your new certification will expire June 30, 2023.

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