EMS INFORMATION BULLITEN 2020-05
Issued Regulatory Exceptions to the Lapse of Registration Process

OVERVIEW

In an effort to overcome the staffing issues that our communities are facing The Pennsylvania Department of Health- Bureau of EMS has provided exceptions to the current EMS Regulations to allow expired providers to reinstate their EMS certification. *This exception does not include any Add On levels such as EMSVO or EMS Instructor.*

Any EMS provider in the Commonwealth that has expired after 02/01/2010 can reinstate within the next 18 months with one of the two exceptions that are outlined below.

EXCEPTION 1 - PROVIDERS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR EXPIRED

For a period of 18 months from the date of this Bulletin, *(03/03/2020)* the following regulatory exception is in effect: **Any EMS provider whose certification expired on or after 02/01/2010 may reinstate their EMS provider certification by completing one certification cycle worth of EMS continuing education regardless of how many cycles their certification has been expired.**
(CE completed after 03/03/2018 will be eligible)

- All continuing education utilized for this reinstatement must have occurred within the past two years preceding the application for reinstatement.
- As part of this continuing education, applicants for reinstatement under this exception, must complete the most recent protocol update course.
  - EMR & EMT practitioners must complete the BLS protocol updates.
  - ALS practitioners must complete both the BLS and ALS protocol updates.
  - AEMT's must complete the AEMT transition course in addition to the BLS protocol update.
- Applicants must have a current CPR credential from a Department of Health approved course. *Please note that continuing education units are not awarded for completing CPR courses.*

The requirements that are needed to reinstate are listed in the tables below and providers must complete the assigned subject specific hours in the required CPC topics, the remaining balance of CPC hours can be in any Clinical Patient Care (CPC) subject.

	CPC HOURS REQUIRED		TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED
Emergency Medical Responder	**12 CPC Hours**		**16 hours**
	Subject Specific Requirements	Minimum Hours	
	Airway/Respiration/ Ventilation	1 Hour*	Remaining 4.0 hours can be in any EMS related topic
	Cardiovascular	2.5 hours*	
	Trauma	0.5 hours*	
	Medical	3 hours*	
	Total of Subject Specific Hours	7.0	
	BLS Protocol Update Course	As listed	
	*Completion of a traditional NREMT EMR refresher will meet these requirements		

	NUMBER OF CPC HOURS REQUIRED		TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED
Emergency Medical Technician	**18 CPC Hours**		**24 hours**
	CPC Category	Minimum Hours	
	Airway/Respiration/ Ventilation	1.5 Hour*	Remaining 6.0 hours can be in any EMS related topic
	Cardiovascular	6 hours*	
	Trauma	1.5 hours*	
	Medical	6 hours*	
	Total of Subject Specific Hours	15.0	
	BLS Protocol Update Course	As listed below	
	Completion of PA DOH BEMS approved CPR course		
	***Completion of a traditional NREMT EMR refresher will meet these requirements**		

	NUMBER OF CPC HOURS REQUIRED		TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED
AEMT Paramedic PHRN PHPE PHP	**27 CPC Hours**		**36 hours**
	CPC Category	Minimum Hours	
	Airway/Respiration/ Ventilation	3.5 Hour*	Remaining 9.0 hours can be in any EMS related topic
	Cardiovascular	8.5 hours*	
	Trauma	3 hours*	
	Medical	8.5 hours*	
	Total of Subject Specific Hours	23.5	
	PADOH BLS Protocol Update Course	All levels	
	***Completion of a traditional NREMT EMR refresher will meet these requirements**		
	PADOH AEMT Transition - Protocols Course	AEMT's Only	
	PADOH ALS Protocol Update Course	Paramedics Only	

Individuals applying for reinstatement via this exception are not required to take the written examination or the psychomotor examination.

Consideration 1 - While not a requirement to reinstate the certification, advanced level providers and EMS agency medical directors are reminded that, pursuant to the provisions of § 8125 (b)(2) (ii), a provider at or above the advanced EMT level must undergo an assessment by an EMS agency medical director competency in the knowledge and skills an EMS provider must have to perform the skills within the providers scope of practice prior to performing as an EMS provider at the AEMT level or above**.**

Consideration 2 - In addition, while not required, EMS providers applying for reinstatement who expired prior to 2015 should consider taking the appropriate 2015 protocol update course, as there were significant changes in the 2015 protocols that were not readdressed in the required 2019 protocol courses.

Consideration 3 - pursuant to EMS Information Bulletin 2018-20 Expired Providers wanting to reinstate at a Lower Level, individuals may reinstate their certification under the terms of this exception at a level lower than the certification that expired.
EMS IB 2018-20 https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/EMS/EMSIB%202018-20%20Expired%20Providers%20Wanting%20to%20Reinstate%20at%20a%20Lower%20Level.pdf

EXCEPTION 2 – PROVIDERS LESS THAN ONE YEAR EXPIRED

Until revoked or amended by the department, the following regulatory exception is in effect: EMS providers whose certifications have expired but have not been expired for more than one year, shall not be required to take the written examination as outlined in 28 PA Code § 1023.21(e)(1). All other requirements set forth in 28 PA Code § 1023.21(e) remain in full force and effect. Applicants utilizing the provisions of exception 2 are not required to meet the specific continuing education requirements outlined in exception 1.

WHAT SHOULD PROVIDERS DO?

1. **Access their profile in the PA EMS Registry and complete the following:**
    - *Applicant Data- General Information Tab***:**
        o   Update all of your contact information so that it is current, use the **update data** button and confirm the pop-up question to lock the changes in the system.
        o   Answer the questions in the criminal history / disciplinary actions section
        o   From the **Manage My Certifications** section select **Reinstatement** from the drop-down menu. this will redirect you to the reinstatement tab
        o   Select the Con Ed button and use the submit button- this will start the application process
    - *EMS Application/CPR Tab:*
        o   Input the information from your current and PA DOH BEMS approved
    - *Con ED Tab***:** if you have completed any Con ED classes with in two years of the application date.
        o   EMS Practitioner Status Report – select the date range button and enter the following:
            ▪   **Start date** = todays date, two years ago *ex 03/03/2018*
            ▪   **End Date** = todays actual date ex. *03/03/2020*
2. **Complete the required education by attending traditional classes or using online learning.**
    - **Train PA** is the learning management system that is provided for you free of cost and you will use the same username as the PA EMS Registry (pa + your EMS Cert number) and the initial password is the same as your username. You will then be prompted to change your password. Be cautious to not create a duplicate account as this will create an issue with your classes transferring to your profile in the PA EMS Registry.
    - **Traditional Classes** can be attended, and you will need to enter your certification number on a roster, and you should attend classes that will meet the requirements of this exception.
    - **Con ED by Endorsement** is a way to enter class information that you completed outside of the previously mentioned educational methods. The application can be found at the bottom of your Con ED tab and a job aid is under the help menu.
3. **Conclusion of the process**
    a. The application will be reviewed by the assigned Regional EMS Council and if all the requirements are met it will then be approved and sent to the Bureau of EMS for final approval.
    b. Once completed the reinstatement credentials will be mailed to the address listed in the PA EMS Registry.

Job Aid - Initial provider login instructions
https://ems.health.state.pa.us/Registry/Help/JobAids/EMS%20Registry%20Job%20Aid%20for%20Providers%20for%20Initial%20Log%20in.pdf

Job Aid - Entering CPR Information
https://ems.health.state.pa.us/Registry/Help/JobAids/EMS%20Registry%20Job%20Aid%20for%20Entering%20CPR.pdf

Job Aid – Con ED by Endorsement
https://ems.health.state.pa.us/Registry/Help/JobAids/EMS%20Registry%20Job%20Aid%20for%20Applying%20for%20Con%20Ed%20by%20Endorsment.pdf

Train PA Class Listing by Con ED Category

PA TRAIN Class list	Hours	A/R/V	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical
PA EMS Abdominal Emergencies	1	0	0	0.5	0.5
PA-EMS Trauma Assessment	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS Abdominal Trauma	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS Diabetic Emergencies	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Affective Characteristics	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Anaphylaxis	1	0.5	0.5	0	0
PA-EMS Asthma	1	1	0	0	0
PA-EMS Emergency Driving	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Lifting and Moving	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Patient Refusal	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Report Writing	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Understanding Epilepsy	1.5	0	0	0	1.5
PA-EMS Pediatric Sepsis	1	0	0.5	0	0.5
PA-EMS Pediatric Shock	1	0	1	0	0
PA-EMS Stroke	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Understanding Shock	1	0	1	0	0
PA-EMS Airway Care	1	1	0	0	0
PA-EMS Heart Failure	1	0	1	0	0
PA-EMS Medical Assessment	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Back Injury Prevention for EMS	1	0	0	0.5	0
PA-EMS Critical Decision Making	1	0	0	0	0

PA-EMS Emergency Vehicle Operations	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Respiratory Emergencies: CPAP	1	1	0	0	0
PA-EMS Children with Special Needs	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Decontamination of the Pediatric Patient	1	0	0	0.5	0.5
PA-EMS Pediatric Community Paramedicine	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Summertime Injuries in Children	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS Treating Children with Autism	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Pediatric Pain management	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS: EMT-Paramedic to Paramedic Transition Module A	2.5	0.5	0	0.5	1
PA-EMS Naloxone Leave Behind Program	0.5	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS: 2015 BLS Statewide Protocol Update	1.5	0	0	1	0.5
PA-EMS: Obstetrics & Childbirth	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances	2	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS: 2015 ALS Statewide Protocol Update	1	0	0.5	0.5	0
PA-EMS Psychiatric Emergencies	1.5	0	0	0	1.5
PA -EMS Risk management: Refusals & Abandonment	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Naloxone Administration by EMR and EMT	1	0.5	0	0	0.5
PA-EMS Bariatric Patient: Care and Transport	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Tourniquets & Hemorrhage Control	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS Infectious Disease Update & Personal Protection	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Child Abuse Recognizing the Signs	1	0	0	1	0
PA-EMS Pediatric Assessment of Respiratory Emergencies	1	1	0	0	0

PA-EMS Pediatric Trauma General Principles				X	
PA-EMS Relationship between child and animal abuse	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Upper Airway Obstructions in Kids	1	1	0	0	0
PA-EMS Medication Errors & Equipment Failure	1	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS Blood Borne Pathogens	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS: Pregnancy: Medical Emergencies	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS 2017 Statewide BLS Protocol Update	1	0	0	0.5	0.5
PA-EMS Acute Coronary Syndrome	1	0	1	0	0
PA-EMS Parkinsons Disease Awareness Training for First Responders	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS: High-Functioning CPR Team—Science Lecture	1.5	0.5	1	0	0
PA-EMS 2019 ALS Protocol Update	1.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
PA-EMS 2017 Statewide ALS Protocol Update	1	0.5	0.5	0	0
PA-EMS Blood Glucose Monitoring for BLS	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS Excited Delirium Protocol 2017	1	0	0	0	1
PA-EMS 2019 BLS Protocol Update	1	0	0.5	0.5	0

PA-EMS Human Trafficking: PA Protocols and the Blue Campaign	1.5	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS: Active Shooter-Hostile Event Rescue Task Force Concept	1.5	0	0	0	0
PA-EMS: Epinephrine Auto Injector Pen Administration Principals	1	0	0.5	0	0.5

NREMT NCCP Traditional Course Numbers

NREMT – National Core Competency Program (NCCP) Course Numbers						
			REQUIRED ATTENDANCE BY CERTIFICATION LEVEL			
Course #	Course Title	Hours	EMR	EMT	AEMT	Medic
1000021579	NCCP Ventilation Capnography Oxygenation (A/R/V hours)	3.5	YES	YES	YES	YES
1000021560	NCCP Cardiovascular I	2.5	YES	YES	YES	YES
1000021561	NCCP Cardiovascular II	3.5	YES	YES	YES	YES
1000021575	NCCP Cardiovascular III	2.5	NO	YES	YES	YES
1000021589	NCCP Medical I	3.0	YES	YES	YES	YES
1000021627	NCCP Medical II	2.5	NO	NO	YES	YES
1000021657	NCCP Medical III	3.0	NO	YES	YES	YES
1000021585	NCCP Trauma	3.0	YES	YES	YES	YES