



May 1, 2020

TO: All State Certified and Former Emergency Medical Service Providers

FROM: Todd McDowell, NRP, Office of EMS Manager 

SUBJECT: Modified Recertification Requirements for the Current Recertification Cycle

The Office of EMS is modifying CPR, Skills Verification, and Continuing Medical Education (CME) delivery requirements for the current recertification cycles ending **December 31, 2020** and **March 31, 2021**. This action is being taken pursuant to the suspension of 7 AAC 26.110 (a)(2)-(3), 7 AAC 26.110(j) granted in the COVID-19 Disaster Order of Suspension No. 2, Appendix A - Amendment 2, as Amended on April 9, 2020 by Governor Mike Dunleavy.

This suspension eliminates the following requirements for the current recertification cycles ending **December 31, 2020**, and **March 31, 2021** for all EMTs and AEMTs:

- Current CPR Card;
- Skills Verification; and
- National Continued Competency Program requirements for content areas.

This suspension modifies the requirement for CME hours, as follows:

To be re-certified as an EMT-1:

- 40 total hours CME must be completed, but with no limitation on distance learning hours; and
- EMTs wishing to maintain their National Registry certification please contact the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for ongoing guidance on renewal requirements.

To be re-certified as an EMT- II, EMT-III, and AEMT:

- 50 total hours CME must be completed, but with no limitation on distance learning hours; and
- AEMTs wishing to maintain their National Registry certification should contact the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians for ongoing guidance on renewal requirements.

As the current situation evolves we will continue work with providers and agencies to assure adequate accommodations for purposes of staffing and recertification. Further guidance will be issued as needed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at todd.mcdowell@alaska.gov or (907) 465-8634.

Thank you for your dedication to the Alaska EMS System and the patients we serve.