



## State of Louisiana

Department of Health  
Office of Public Health  
Bureau of EMS

### MEMORANDUM

TO: EMRs Expiring on 9/30/2021  
EMS Education Program Managers  
EMS Personnel Administrators  
EMS Instructors

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DATE: August 27, 2021

SUBJECT: EMR Expiration Extensions

The administration and staff of the Bureau of EMS recognizes the important role the all EMS Practitioners have during times of disaster response. We extend our sincerest gratitude to all of the men and women who heroically respond to serve Louisiana during these times.

The Bureau of EMS personnel will be working around the clock behind the scenes to support our EMS Practitioners and EMS Providers. Realizing the work and difficulties that lie ahead for many of our fellow citizens around the state, the bureau is empathetic to the plight of emergency medical responders (EMRs) that will be unable to renew their license by September 30, 2021. Thus, the Bureau of EMS is granting a one-time extension for EMRs expiring on September 30, 2021, to renew their license by December 31, 2021.

Please note, December 31, 2020, is a hard deadline and no extensions or grace periods will be permitted. Any EMR who has failed to successfully renew their license by December 31, 2021, will be expired and required to complete a full initial course to relicense.

The aforementioned expiration extension is only valid for the state license and will have no bearing on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) certification. Nationally Registered EMRs must renew by September 30, 2021, to maintain their National Registry certification.

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For those EMRs who have already renewed your license, you will not be affected. Licensees and agencies should be aware that August and September are the peak times of hurricane season in Louisiana and should plan accordingly. This includes ensuring that refreshers and continuing education have been completed in the months prior to hurricane season. Refreshers can begin as early as eighteen months prior to the expiration of the license.

Refreshers and continuing education opportunities may be found in the Bureau of EMS' Information Management System (IMS), CAPCE accredited online courses, and via local EMS education agencies.

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