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ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

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TO: EMS Service Providers, Certified and Licensed EMS Personnel
FROM: Marshall Bennett 
DATE: April 5, 2021
SUBJECT: EMSA Updated Personnel Guidance (March 19, 2021)

I. FUNCTIONING WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION

(A) Emergency Medical Technicians (“EMTs”) and paramedics functioning with an expired license or certification, as allowed by the Emergency Medical Services Authority (“EMSA”) March 18, 2020 policy, will have until April 30, 2021 to reinstate their previous license/certification or stop functioning as an EMT.

(B) EMS personnel who assisted with COVID-19 response by working under an expired license, as allowed by EMSA policy:

- i.* will have reinstatement requirements waived and may have the EMS license/certification renewed with the standard renewal requirements **IF**, the personnel can produce a letter from an employer stating they were working as part of the COVID response, and their renewal is completed by April 30, 2021. (See EMSA policy March 19, 2021 Sec. 2)

II. CALIFORNIA EMT SKILLS COMPETENCY VERIFICATION

(A) This requirement continues to be waived for renewal or reinstatement for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency. (See EMSA policy March 19, 2021 Sec. 3)

III. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ("NREMT") PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMS

(A) When NREMT psychomotor exams become widely available to EMT students, local emergency medical service agencies will notify EMTs who currently hold a "Active Restricted" (NREMT Provisional Registration) certification. Any EMTs who have not received a full NREMT registration or proof of passing the NREMT psychomotor skills exam within six (6) months of that notification, shall have their certification/license status changed to expired and may not continue to function as an EMT or paramedic. (See *EMSA policy March 19, 2021 Sec. 7*)

(B) Pursuant to EMSA policy update March 19, 2021, paramedics are now required to complete their psychomotor exam for the purpose of initial licensure. (See *EMSA policy March 19, 2021 Sec. 8*)

The full EMSA policy can be found here: <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2021/03/EMSPersonnelGuidancePolicy-Revised3.19.2021.pdf>.

