



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Certification Expiration Periods		
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- A. For providers successfully completing certification or recertification, certification expiration date will be established based upon the month of testing or submission of the completed Virginia EMS Certification Application waiver.
 1. Submission of a Virginia EMS Certification Application documenting an OMD Examination Waiver will not automatically result in issuance of a new certification unless the provider has met eligibility for recertification.
- B. Basic Life Support Certifications
 1. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for four (4) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a four (4) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a four (4) year certification.
 2. Emergency Medical Technician
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for four (4) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a four (4) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a four (4) year certification.
 - d. Virginia candidates who are challenging EMT who have met Virginia certification requirements will upon application be issued a four (4) year certification.
 - e. Certification awarded through Legal Recognition will expire one (1) year from the date of the request **OR** the expiration date of the individual's certification from an approved state whichever is less.

C. Advanced Life Support

1. Issuance of ALS certifications includes the simultaneous issuance of certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for an additional period of two (2) years.
2. Upon failure to renew an ALS certification, the individual will automatically revert to certification at the EMT level.
3. EMT-Enhanced
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for three (3) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
4. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for three (3) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
5. Intermediate
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for three (3) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
6. Paramedic
 - a. Students/Candidates whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program, will receive certification for three (3) years.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
 - c. Virginia EMS providers in reentry who have met Virginia recertification requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.
 - d. Virginia candidates who are challenging Paramedic who have met Virginia requirements will upon application be issued a three (3) year certification.

