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### **National Registry Extends 2020 Recertification Deadline; Modifies Requirements**

Columbus OH - As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians today announced two important modifications to the current recertification cycle for Nationally Registered EMS personnel.

The National Registry's Board of Directors approved a motion **extending the current recertification deadline from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020**. Additionally, for Registrants due to recertify March 31, 2020 Distributive Education (DE) limitations will be removed. This allows all continuing education to be accomplished outside of classrooms. *(If you are a military provider, please check with your service branch for further military specific guidance.)*

"Given the dynamic nature of this global pandemic, the focus of our nation's EMS personnel should remain on personal well-being, patient safety and supporting their communities in need," said Bill Seifarth, Executive Director of the National Registry.

#### **Summary of modifications**

- All certifications with an expiration date of March 31, 2020 will remain valid until June 30, 2020.
- The current recertification deadline of March 31, 2020 extended to June 30, 2020.
- There will be no late fees for submissions after March 31, 2020.
- The Distributive Education (DE) limits will be waived for the remainder of this recertification cycle. However, if you need to take advantage of this new option, it will take time for our software to be modified.

"We know that there are still many unanswered questions as to how these changes will be implemented and how the closures of schools and universities will impact the pipeline of EMS personnel seeking to test," said Bill Seifarth. "The Registry will take the necessary time to work with the State EMS Offices, Program Directors, and other stakeholders to properly address these issues and will share updates as information becomes available."

The National Registry established a dedicated webpage where updates on the COVID-19 response will be published as information is available.

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