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Colleagues,

The national COVID-19 crisis has created several situations involving licensure. The EMS Bureau will initiate the following processes to address these situations.

Initial Licensing:

The New Mexico EMS Bureau will allow candidates to complete an alternate approved state exam to meet the exam requirement, **ONLY** after attempting National Registry. There is no longer a 90-day extension made for fingerprinting. It will need to be done prior to any licenses being issued. All other requirements for initial licensure remain in effect.

Re-Entry:

If your license expired in March of 2019 or 2020, and you would now like to be licensed to assist your community, you may complete an accelerated process for Re-Entry. Applicants for re-entry will, during the public health emergency, not be required to show proof of the continuing education requirement typically required for re-entry. Instead, this requirement may be completed online during the 90-day temporary licensure period. Simply submit the re-entry application with current proof of current CPR/ACLS, and the temporary 90-day license will be issued. Fingerprints are required and needed before Temporary License will be issued. In that 90-days, you will need to schedule to take your NM State ems Exam.

Public Health Emergency Temporary Licensure:

We have had several inquiries from formerly licensed or retired EMS caregivers who would like to help serve their community during the COVID-19 public health emergency. If your EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMTP license has been expired for more than 24 months, you may apply for a temporary EMT-Basic license that will be good until the end of the declared public health emergency. Please submit an initial application found at <https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/1869/>, and clearly mark “Temporary” at the top of the application. Fingerprints will not be required for this temporary license. A current CPR card is required.

For any questions, or to schedule the alternative state exam, please contact the EMS Bureau Licensing Manager **Peggy Ann Griego via email at Peggya.griego@state.nm.us**. The exams can be administered in Santa Fe, Clovis, or Las Cruces. Tests will be administered on a first come first serve basis as space allows to comply with social distancing precautions.

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