



Policy Statement

Extension of Certification for Military Personnel

Purpose:

It is the purpose of this policy statement to outline the procedure for military personnel being released from active duty to have their CFR/EMT/AEMT certification extended under the provisions of Chapter 206 of the Laws of 2008 signed by Governor Paterson on July 7, 2008 and Section 3011 of Article 30 of Public Health Law.

Background:

The statute as it pertains to this policy statement is as follows:

“The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to extend the certification for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians or certified first responders who have been ordered to active military duty, other than for training, on or after the eleventh day of September, two thousand one and whose certification will expire during their military duty or within the six months immediately following separation from military service. The extended certification shall be for the period of military duty and for twelve months after they have been released from active military duty.”

Procedure:

Upon release from active military duty, the applicant for extension of certification must complete an application for military extension found at

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/military-extension>

Within two weeks of receipt of the application and after review, upon approval the Bureau of EMS will issue a new certification card bearing the extended expiration date.

If the CFR/EMT/AEMT's certification expires more than six (6) months following separation from active military duty, the individual is not eligible for extension of certification under the provisions of this law. In this case, the CFR/EMT/AEMT remains eligible for a refresher course. The maximum certification extension granted will be for the period of military duty and for 12 months effective from the date of release from active military duty as evidenced by official military separation documentation (i.e. DD-214 or DA Form 2-A Statement of Release from Active Duty).