

Covid-19 Provisional EMS Certificate

Provisional EMS Certificates are NOT an IDPH State License. This is only an EMS System approval recognized by the state.

Who is eligible for a Provisional EMS Certificate?

EMS whose licenses have been expired for less than 60 months as of 3/23/2020 and based on the EMSMD recommendation;

- Paramedic Students in the last semester of class are eligible to take the system Paramedic entrance requirements;
- All other paramedic students are eligible to take the system EMT entrance requirements;
- EMT students in the last semester of class are eligible to take the system EMT entrance requirements;
- All other EMT students are eligible to take the system EMR entrance requirements;
- EMR at any stage of class completion with successful completion of CPR;
- EMD at any stage of class completion.
- ECRNs Seeking Provisional Certification (without completing required field ride time)
- PHRNs, PHPA, PHAPN Seeking Provisional Certification (without completing required ALS calls as required in the rule)

If I'm eligible for a Provisional EMS Certificate, how do I get my certificate?

Contact your EMSSC or Regional EMS System. A list of EMS Systems can be found at:

http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/emergency-preparedness-response/ems/res_sysListing

I'm an EMS System Coordinator. How do I get expired personnel or students a Provisional EMS Certificate? (EMT, Paramedic, EMR, EMD)

- Candidates eligible for a Provisional EMS Certificate must pass EMS system entrance requirements.
- If they cannot successfully complete the system entrance exam for the level of licensure, then may function at the level of entrance requirements they can successfully pass, e.g a person with an expired Paramedic license can only successfully complete the EMT entrance requirements, then may only function at the EMT level. The applicant's DPH EMS license has been expired for less than 60 months, and must have been in good standing at the time it expired, *i.e.* not suspended or revoked.

- The applicant must not have been suspended from any Illinois EMS system as of the DPH license expiration.
- The applicant must demonstrate current CPR certification (or with an expiration date reflecting the current policies based on COVID-19) from either the AHA or ARC.
- Attest to no Felony conviction: Section 515.190
- Anyone granted a certificate under this special waiver shall only practice with another state-licensed EMS professional at or above the level of the licensee. Two individuals granted a certificate under this special waiver shall not practice together and must be paired with a regular licensee.

EMS system entrance requirements. (EMT, Paramedic, EMR, EMD)

- EMSSC are responsible for creating system specific entrance requirements.
- All candidates must pass a refresher course and pass a system exam. (Refresher Course consists of didactic material, no skills)
- EMSSC must validate that the person is knowledgeable and has the skills to perform based on the level of certification. The system should test for any skills needed.

Required Documentation EMSSC must submit to REMSC for Approval: (EMT, Paramedic, EMR, EMD)

- System amendment presented to REMSC for approval
- System submits a roster with names of expired licensed personnel who successfully complete the system entrance requirements. (Rosters can be found on the IDPH Web Portal)
- The class roster will include:
 1. Name of expired licensee, expired license number, phone number, social security number, level of function approved by EMS system for this individual, and date approved
 2. Name of student, class site code (if applicable), phone number, social security number level of function approved by EMS system for this individual and date approved
 3. Name, system number, EMS MD signature of EMS System
- Valid CPR for all levels or a CPR recognition with a grace period of 60 days post expiration

How to obtain a Provisional Certificate for PHRNs, PHPA, PHAPN (without completing required ALS calls as required in the rule)?

- Must have completed the didactic portion of the pre-hospital course
- Must complete and pass a final pre-hospital or paramedic examination approved by the EMS System Medical Director

- May seek provisional certification after completing course work and testing as approved by the EMS Medical Director
- All PHRN, PHPA, and PHAPNs must operate in a State of Illinois EMS System.
- The PHRN, PHPA, or PHAPN may only operate with another State of Illinois Licensed Paramedic or PHRN with at least 1-year experience.
- All care provided at the ALS level may be used towards completion of the required ALS calls for licensure with the state of Illinois.
- Once the pandemic is over and the EMS System returns to normal operations, the PHRN, PHPA, or PHAPN must provide proof of ALS calls in which they provided care, as required, and take the assessment test through National Registry to receive State of Illinois Licensure.
- The EMS System must maintain QI program that includes:
 - the review of at least 5 calls per month that include “provisionally certified” personnel
 - reviews the care provided based on system protocols and standards of care
 - identifies areas of improvement that is communicated with providers and personnel.

How to obtain an ECRN Provisional Certification (without completing required field ride time)

- Must have completed the didactic portion of the ECRN course
- Must complete and pass a final ECRN examination approved by the EMS System Medical Director
- May seek provisional certification after completing course work and testing as approved by the EMS Medical Director
- The ECRN must have a co-sign by a State of Illinois licensed ECRN for any medical calls received
- Once the pandemic is over and the EMS system returns to normal operations, the ECRN may provide proof of all ECRN calls and field ride time hourly requirements, as required, and submit for State of Illinois ECRN licensure.
- The EMS System must maintain QI program that includes:
 - the review of at least 5 calls per month that include “provisionally certified” personnel
 - reviews the care provided based on system protocols and standards of care
 - identifies areas of improvement that is communicated with providers and personnel.

Additional Info:

- All certificates granted under this special waiver shall automatically expire 06/30/2020. If expiration extensions are needed due to a prolonged pandemic response, information will be sent to EMSSC before 06/30/2020.
- Provisional certificate approval shall require full compliance with all: (i) DPH and (ii) EMS system requirements.
- Expired and student EMS personnel may only function with a licensed EMS personnel at the same or higher level. (consider a P level to function as a lead B by EMSMD)