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Extension and exemption from continuing education for an individual holding a certificate to teach.

[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this chapter and Chapters 4765-01 to 4765-10 and 4765-12 to 4765-19 of the Administrative Code, see rule 4765-1-03 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) The board may grant an extension of time for an individual holding a certificate to teach to comply with the continuing education requirements for renewal, if a "Request for Extension of EMS Certificates" is received from the individual, prior to the expiration date of the certificate to teach, and the request includes the following:

- (1) Verification of a current and valid certificate to practice as an EMS provider or a current and valid Ohio license to practice as a registered nurse or a physician assistant;
- (2) Justification for the extension;
- (3) Specific plan for completion of requirements within the length of time requested;
- (4) Signature of certificate holder.

(B) The board shall grant an extension, in accordance with 5903.12 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a "Request for Extension of EMS Certificates," for one of the following:

- (1) The holder of an expired certificate failed to meet the continuing education requirements because the holder served on active duty, as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, the national guard of any other state or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; or
- (2) The holder of an expired certificate failed to meet the continuing education requirements because the holder's spouse served on active duty, as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, the national guard of any other state or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States which resulted in the holder's absence from this state.

(C) The board may grant a complete or partial exemption from compliance with the continuing education requirements. The board may grant a complete or partial exemption for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) The applicant, or applicant's spouse, served on active duty, as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval militia, the national guard of any other state or a

reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, for a period in excess of thirty-one days;

(a) The applicant shall submit a completed "Exemption Request for Continuing Education for EMS Certificates." The request shall include the following:

(i) The continuing education requirements for which an exemption is sought;

(ii) Justification for the exemption;

(iii) Signature of the certificate holder;

(iv) Proof of active military service during the certification period for which the exemption is requested.

(b) A request for military exemption shall be submitted no later than six months from discharge of active service.

(2) The applicant has a medical hardship or unusual circumstances that impact the applicant's ability to comply with the continuing education requirements for renewal of the certificate to practice.

(a) The applicant shall submit a completed "Exemption Request for Continuing Education for EMS Certificates." The request shall include the following:

(i) The continuing education requirements for which an exemption is sought;

(ii) Justification for the exemption;

(iii) Signature of the certificate holder.

(b) A request for exemption shall be submitted to the division prior to the expiration date of the certificate to practice.

(D) If a request for exemption is received after the expiration date of the certificate to teach, the board may consider the request if the board determines there are extenuating circumstances affecting either the submission of the request for exemption prior to the expiration of the certificate, or the ability of the certificate holder to comply with the continuing education requirements.

(E) The board has full discretion in determining whether to grant a request for exemption from the continuing education requirement.

(F) As delegated by the board, the division may grant a functioning extension, not to exceed ninety days, to an applicant that submitted a request for an exemption prior to the expiration date of the certificate to teach..