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**Merging of EMS and fire certificates to establish a mutual expiration date.**

(A) Within ninety days of the effective date of this rule, the following shall occur for every current first responder or EMT:

(1) The individual shall be issued a new expiration date for the individual's certificate to practice, as set forth in this paragraph:

(a) If the individual is not a current firefighter or fire safety inspector, the certificate to practice will expire on the individual's birthday in the same year as the certificate to practice is set to expire.

(b) If the individual is also a current firefighter and/or fire safety inspector, the certificate to practice will expire on the same date as the individual's firefighter certificate or fire safety inspector certificate, if the individual does not possess a current firefighter certificate.

(2) The individual shall be given new continuing education requirements, as set forth in this paragraph, for renewing the individual's certificate to practice for the merged certification cycle. In order to be eligible for such a renewal, the individual must complete the following percentage of required continuing education hours, the total of which are set forth in Chapters 4765-12, 4765-15, 4765-16, and 4765-17 of the Administrative Code, for the following merged certification cycle:

(a) Twelve months or less, no continuing education hours are required;

(b) More than twelve months but less than twenty-four months, thirty per cent of the hours of continuing education for each respective level of certification, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule;

(c) Twenty-four months but less than thirty-six months, sixty per cent of the hours of continuing education for each respective level of certification, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule;

(d) Thirty-six months or more, one hundred per cent of the hours of continuing education for each respective level of certification, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule.

(B) Within ninety days of the effective date of this rule, the following shall occur for every holder of an EMS certificate to teach:

(1) The individual shall be issued a new expiration date for the individual's certificate to teach, as set forth in this paragraph:

(a) If the individual is a current first responder or EMT, but not a current firefighter or fire safety inspector, the certificate to teach will expire on

the individual's birthday in the same year as the certificate to practice is set to expire.

(b) If the individual is not a first responder, EMT, firefighter or fire safety inspector, but holds a certificate to teach, the certificate to teach will expire on the individual's birthday in the same year as the certificate to teach is set to expire.

(c) If the individual is both a current first responder or EMT and a current firefighter and/or fire safety inspector, the certificate to teach will expire on the same day as the individual's firefighter certificate or fire safety inspector certificate, if the individual does not possess a current firefighter certificate.

(2) The individual shall be given new continuing education and instruction requirements, as set forth in this paragraph, for renewing the individual's certificate to teach for the merged certification cycle. In order to be eligible for such a renewal, the individual must complete the following percentage of required continuing education and instruction hours, the total of which are set forth in Chapter 4765-18 of the Administrative Code, for the following merged certification cycle:

(a) Twelve months or less, no continuing education or instruction hours are required;

(b) More than twelve months but less than twenty-four months, thirty per cent of the hours of continuing education and instruction for each respective level of the certificate to teach, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule;

(c) Twenty-four months but less than thirty-six months, sixty per cent of the hours of continuing education and instruction for each respective level of the certificate to teach, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule;

(d) Thirty-six months or more, one hundred per cent of the hours of continuing education and instruction for each respective level of certificate to teach, as set forth in the appendix attached to this rule.

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Appendix

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EMS CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE MERGED/SHORTENED CERTIFICATION CYCLES CE REQUIREMENTS	
<b>FIRST RESPONDER</b>	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	4 hours of CE and no specialty hours needed
24 months but less than 36 months	9 hours of CE and no specialty hours needed
36 months or more	15 hours of CE to include: Patient assessment; CPR; Automated defibrillation; Airway management and oxygen administration; Illness and injury management; Trauma issues; Anaphylaxis; and patient-assisted epinephrine
<b>EMT-BASIC</b>	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	12 hours of CE to include: 1 hour pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; and 2 hours trauma or the Ohio trauma Triage Course
24 months but less than 36 months	24 hours of CE to include: 3 hours pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; and 5 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course
36 months or more	40 hours of CE to include: 6 hours pediatric; 2 hours geriatric; and 8 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course
<b>EMT-INTERMEDIATE</b>	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required

EMS CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE MERGED/SHORTENED CERTIFICATION CYCLES CE REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)	
EMT-INTERMEDIATE (CONTINUED)	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
12 months but less than 24 months	18 hours of CE to include: 2 hours pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; and 2 hours trauma or the Ohio trauma Triage Course
24 months but less than 36 months	36 hours of CE to include: 3 hours pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; and 5 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course
36 months or more	60 hours of CE to include: 8 hours pediatric; 4 hours geriatric; and 8 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course
EMT-PARAMEDIC	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	26 hours of CE to include: 4 hours pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; 2 hours cardiac, and 2 hours trauma or the Ohio trauma Triage Course
24 months but less than 36 months	51 hours of CE to include: 7 hours pediatric; 1 hour geriatric; 4 hours cardiac, and 5 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course
36 months or more	86 hours of CE to include: 12 hours pediatric; 4 hours geriatric; 6 hours cardiac, and 8 hours trauma to include the Ohio trauma Triage Course

EMS CERTIFICATE TO TEACH MERGED/SHORTENED CERTIFICATION CYCLES CE/INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS	
<b>EMS INSTRUCTOR</b>	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS/INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	2 hours methodology and 7 hours instruction
24 months but less than 36 months	3 hours methodology and 14 hours instruction
36 months or more	6 hours methodology and 24 hours instruction
<b>ASSISTANT EMS INSTRUCTOR</b>	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS/INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	2 hours methodology and 4 hours instruction
24 months but less than 36 months	3 hours methodology and 9 hours instruction
36 months or more	6 hours methodology and 16 hours instruction

EMS CERTIFICATE TO TEACH MERGED/SHORTENED CERTIFICATION CYCLES CE/INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)	
CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) INSTRUCTOR	
CERTIFICATION CYCLE	HOURS CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS/INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS
0 to 12 months	No CE hours required
12 months but less than 24 months	1 hours methodology and 1 hours instruction
24 months but less than 36 months	1 hours methodology and 3 hours instruction
36 months or more	2 hours methodology and 6 hours instruction