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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. Additionally, several of the vendors where candidates may complete the fingerprint requirement have been difficult to access. If this is the case for an applicant, the Bureau will allow candidates to license without the completion of the fingerprints for 90 days or until the candidate can complete their fingerprints. 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. Your exam and fingerprint requirements may also be completed during the 90-day temporary licensure period.

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 EMT-P 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** at **505 476-8215** or 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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