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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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71	Provisional Certification and Partial Background Checks			April 7, 2020
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Please reference the below information regarding licensing using Provisional Certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as well as with a partial Criminal History Records background check.

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Provisional Certification

Recently the NREMT has announced that all candidates that have completed an approved initial program as well as successfully passed their Cognitive Examination will automatically be granted a Provisional Certification at the respective level of testing. The State of New Hampshire will be honoring this Provisional Certification as it would any other official documentation from the NREMT. **As long as all other requirements are satisfied, a license will be issued.** This will be managed through a “waiver process” and will **expire on 1 October, 2020**. At the completion of the waiver period, or prior to, any applicants wishing to remain licensed will have to complete all NREMT requirements as well as complete a full background check as outlined below.

Modified Criminal History Records Information (CHRI) Background Checks

With the declaration of a State of Emergency here in New Hampshire, and the limitation of services throughout based on the COVID-19 pandemic, fingerprinting for a complete CHRI background check are no longer available. Because of such, a partial background investigation will be conducted on all new and lapsed applicants for State licensure. All “incomplete” background investigations will be managed through a “waiver process” and will **expire on 1 October, 2020**. The current fee structure for the partial background check is \$25.00. At the completion of the waiver period, and when fingerprinting services are restored, any applicants wishing to remain licensed will have to complete the remaining portion of the background check and will be responsible for any additional fees for such.

Please find on the following page the form in which all applicants meeting the above situations will be asked to complete in order to process their licenses. Additional licensing information can be found at here

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/NewLapsedLicensingRequirements.html>



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33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 1-800-371-4503 or 603-223-4200 FAX: 603-271-1091

Application for EMS Provider License WAIVER: COVID-19 March 2020

(Complete all sections that apply to your current situation)

I, _____ (printed name), am requesting a waiver of the licensing requirements in order to become licensed and assist the NH EMS Community, as affiliated with the documented NH EMS Unit(s), during this state of emergency. I am applying for licensure at one of the following levels: (check only one)

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)
 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic (M)

Check one or both, as applicable:

I currently hold a "provisional" certification, as documented and issued by the National Registry of EMT's (NR) and acknowledge that I have recently completed an EMS training program at the level noted above. I also acknowledge that the NR issued provisional certification also proves that I have NOT successfully completed the standardized BLS/ALS Practical (Psychomotor) Examination that is typically required of this candidate level in order to be fully certified and ready for a NH EMS Provider License.

I currently have not been able to complete the fingerprinting portion of the "Criminal History Records Information" (CHRI) background check but I am submitting the CHRI authorization form and a check for \$25.00 made out to "The State of NH - CRU" so that I may have the State portion of the background check completed before the EMS Provider License can be processed.

Applicant DOB: _____ Mailing Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

→ Applicant Signature Date Applicants printed name

This license will expire on 10/01/2020 and is being issued through the waiver process. These waivers are based on the impacts of COVID-19 Nationally and at the State level. The following regulations will be waived:

- o RSA Section 153-A:10-a, I (the Department of Safety [State] portion of the records check is still required)
- o Administrative rule Saf-C 5904.05 (b) (2)

Please mail all necessary documents to the following address:

- **NH DOS – FST&EMS, Bureau of EMS – Licensing, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305**

Required documents include:

- ___ A completed NH EMS Provider License application;
- ___ Copy of documentation for the National Registry of EMTs – showing "provisional" status, if applicable;
- ___ Completion of the current, appropriate level, "Protocol Exam" and "Scope of Practice" program;
- ___ Completed Criminal History Information Record (CHRI) authorization form (no Notary stamp/signature required);
- ___ Check made out to "State of NH – Criminal Records" in the amount of \$25.00 **
- ___ Submit THIS FORM (completed/signed) with the application packet.

**Additional FBI fingerprinting with updated fee structure will need to be completed to obtain a new license once normal operations commence and after the expiration date of 10/01/2020.

Dated 04072020

DOS/FST&EMS Use Only:
 Waiver time period: _____ - 10/01/2020 Waiver approved date: _____
 Commissioner/designee signature: _____