

**311A.095 Expiration of license and certification -- Renewal -- Lapsed license or certification -- Reinstatement -- Retention of license or certification -- Extension.**

- (1) A paramedic license, first responder certification, or emergency medical technician certification shall be valid for a period of two (2) years.
- (2) Each paramedic license, first responder certification, or emergency medical technician certification shall expire on December 31 of the second year from its issuance.
- (3) The license or certification of every person issued under the provisions of this chapter shall be renewed at least biennially except as provided in this section. At least six (6) weeks before the renewal date the office of the board shall mail an application for renewal to every person for whom a license or certification was issued during the current licensure or certification period. The applicant shall fill in the application form and return it to the office of the board with the renewal fee prescribed by the board in an administrative regulation before the expiration date of his or her current license or certification. Upon receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application to determine whether the licensee or person seeking certification has met all the requirements as set forth in this chapter and in the administrative regulations promulgated by the board, and, if so, shall issue to the applicant a license or certification to practice or engage in the activity for the ensuing licensure or certification period. Such license or certification shall render the holder a legal practitioner of the practice or activity specified in the license or certification for the period stated on it. The board shall prescribe by administrative regulation the beginning and ending of the licensure or certification period.
- (4) Any person who is licensed or certified by the board who allows his or her license or certification to lapse by failing to renew the license or certification as provided in this section may be reinstated by the board on payment of the current fee for original licensure or certification and by meeting the requirements of administrative regulations promulgated by the board.
- (5) An application for renewal of a license or certification shall be sent to the last known address of each licensee or certified person.
- (6) Any person practicing any practice or activity regulated by the board during the time his or her license or certification has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be subject to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter.
- (7) Failure to receive the application for renewal of a license or certification shall not relieve a paramedic, first responder, or emergency medical technician from the duty to renew his or her license or certification prior to December 31 of the year in which the license or certification expires.
- (8) The duration of any license or certification issued by the board may be limited by disciplinary action of the board.

- (9) Every license or certification issued by the board shall have the seal of the board affixed. A holder of a license or certification shall retain it in his or her possession and be prepared to exhibit it upon demand by an employer or anyone to whom the holder of the license or certification offers emergency medical services or any board or staff member of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.
- (10) Failure or refusal to produce a license or certification upon demand shall be prima facie evidence that no such license or certification exists.
- (11) In order to assure a proper transition during the implementation of the provisions of this section, the board may, for a period of three (3) years, extend a license or certification of any person in order to utilize the expiration date provided for in this section. The board shall, in writing, notify each person whose license or certification is extended of the extension and the new date of expiration. The extension shall be without charge.

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