

Active Military Status Policy and Procedures

PURPOSE: To assist Active, National Guard, or Reserve Military certified as West Virginia EMS Prehospital Providers who have been on deployment or activation, an opportunity to complete their West Virginia continuing education requirements for recertification upon their return.

POLICY: This policy applies only to currently certified West Virginia EMS Prehospital Providers who are members of the US military during deployment or activation.

REQUIREMENTS: If an individual's EMS certification expires while on active military duty, their West Virginia certification is placed in an inactive status.

- A. Upon return from active duty, the individual must submit appropriate documentation of their active duty status and complete the Active Military Status Form. Submit all documents to the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS) at EMSCertification@wv.gov. Documentation must include:
 1. A copy of the Activation order.
 2. A Discharge (DD form 214), if separated from military service.
 3. A copy of the Deactivation orders, if deployed with the National Guard or Reserve.
- B. Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, WVOEMS will extend the individual's certification by one year from the date of discharge (DD Form 214) or date of deactivation order. During that extension, the individual will be allowed to practice at their certification level as authorized by a WVOEMS. All current requirements for recertification must be completed prior to the expiration of the one-year extension.
- C. Failure to submit the required documentation to WVOEMS within one year of the date of discharge, WVOEMS will expire your West Virginia certification card. Individuals with expired certification, will need to follow the current reinstatement policy for expired West Virginia certified prehospital providers.

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