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New York State  
Department of Health  
**Bureau of Emergency Medical Services**

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
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**No. 09-02**

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**Re: Extension of  
Certification for Military  
Personnel**

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**Purpose and Background:**

It is the purpose of this policy statement to outline the procedure for military personnel being released from active duty to have their CFR/EMT/AEMT certification extended under the provisions of Chapter 206 of the Laws of 2008 signed by Governor Paterson on July 7, 2008 and Section 3011 of Article 30 of Public Health Law:

The text of this law as it pertains to this policy statement is as follows:

*"The commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to extend the certification for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians or certified first responders who have been ordered to active military duty, other than for training, on or after the eleventh day of September, two thousand one and whose certification will expire during their military duty or within the six months immediately following separation from military service. The extended certification shall be for the period of military duty and for twelve months after they have been released from active military duty."*

If the CFR/EMT/AEMT's certification expires more than six (6) months following separation from active military duty, the individual is not eligible for extension of certification under the provisions of this law. In this case, the CFR/EMT/AEMT remains eligible for a refresher course. The maximum certification extension granted will be for the period of military duty and for 12 months effective from the date of release from active military duty as evidenced by official military separation documentation (i.e. DD-214 or DA Form 2-A Statement of Release from Active Duty).

**Procedure:**

Upon release from active military duty, the applicant for extension of certification must:

1. Complete form DOH-4281 entitled "*Certification Extension for Military Personnel.*" This form is also available in downloadable PDF format on the NYS EMS website at [www.health.state.ny.us/forms/doh-4281.pdf](http://www.health.state.ny.us/forms/doh-4281.pdf). Additionally, it can be obtained by contacting the Bureau of EMS at 518-402-0996 ext 1 prompt 4.
2. Return the completed form DOH-4281 and a copy of your official military separation documentation (i.e. DD-214 or DA Form 2-A Statement of Release from Active Duty) to:

NYS DOH Bureau of EMS  
Certification Unit  
875 Central Avenue  
Albany NY 12206

Within two weeks of receipt of the above documentation and after review and approval of same, the Bureau of EMS will issue a new certification card bearing the extended expiration date.

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