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## **Interim EMS Course Completion and Student Licensing**

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In order to meet needs for the State of Wyoming during the COVID-19 outbreak, and to maintain the safety and well-being of our EMS providers, the Wyoming Office of EMS is issuing this interim education and licensure policy and guidance.

### **Courses**

- Effective March 16, 2020 all courses currently being conducted must change to a distance delivery model. In-person classes and skills labs are no longer permitted and are not approved.

### **Course Exams**

- Instructors are required to provide students with an on-line final course exam.
- Exams shall be administered in accordance with current Department of Health guidelines for social gathering and distancing.

### **Restricted License**

To be eligible for a “Restricted License”, individuals must be affiliated with a Fire or EMS agency and have completed the didactic course and course final exam.

- Upon successful completion of the didactic course and course final exam, the student will be required to pass a state level licensure test via the state’s Moodle platform.
- Students who pass the state level written exam may be issued a “Restricted License” which allows the licensee to practice at their level of training with the following limitations:
  - The affiliated department will assign Service Mentors for the student to ride and work under. Service Mentors must be members of the department.
  - A Service mentor must be licensed at or above the level of the licensee.
  - Persons holding a “Restricted License” may be considered part of the EMS crew for responses, however, they should not work alone or without their Service Mentor.
- Service Mentors will verify the course required skills, using the provided task book, while the student is on duty in order to minimize time spent in groups or at duty stations.
  - The Service Mentor will notify the course instructor of completion and competency of the course required skills.
- The course instructor will document that the student has completed their skills verification with the assigned Service Mentor.
- Once documentation of skills competence has been completed, and the OEMS notifies the licensee; The Restricted Licensee may work independently at the discretion of the service Physician Medical Director.



### **Restricted License Terms**

- This Restricted License shall be known as “Student License”.
- A Student License is initially valid for twelve (12) months. The License term may be extended in 6-month increments after the first one-year term. After the public health emergency has ended in Wyoming, all Student License terms terminate 6 months later, regardless of the remaining time on the individual’s license.
- A licensee with a Student License is held accountable under all Office of EMS rules and policies.
- Once the state of emergency ends, the licensee is required to complete the prescribed NREMT or State Of Wyoming written and practical testing for their level, in accordance with the current *EMS Rules*.
- If the licensee does not complete the required testing or is unsuccessful in any part of the testing the Student License is terminated.

