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**Idaho EMS Bureau / Standards & Compliance**  
**Certification Policy 08-04**  
**Length of Certification**

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**Purpose: To clarify the applicable length of certification for the applicant seeking an initial Idaho EMS certification.**

**Current Policy in the EMS Certification Standards Manual**

## **IV. LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION**

- ~~A. Initial First Responder and EMT-Basic certification is issued for three (3) years or up to a maximum of forty-two (42) months from the date of the successful certification examination.~~
- ~~B. Initial Advanced EMT, EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic certification is issued for two (2) years or up to a maximum of thirty (30) months from the date of the successful certification examination.~~
- ~~C. The effective date of certification term is the date the complete application components are verified and approved by the EMS-designated staff.~~
- ~~D. The initial certification expiration date is determined from the month of successful completion of the required examination.~~
- ~~E. The certification expiration dates will be either March 31 or September 30.~~
- ~~F. Table A: Reflects First Responder and EMT-Basic certification expiration dates correlated with pass date of certification exam.~~

### **New Policy**

## **IV. LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION**

- A. The EMS Bureau issues initial First Responder and EMT-Basic certifications for three (3) years or up to a maximum of forty-two (42) months from the date of the successful qualifying certification examination event.
- B. The EMS Bureau issues initial Advanced EMT and EMT-Paramedic certification two (2) years or up to a maximum of thirty (30) months from the date of the successful qualifying certification examination event.

- C. The effective date of the certification term is the date that the EMS Bureau approves the complete application.
  - D. The EMS Bureau bases the initial certification expiration date on the month that the applicant completes the qualifying certification examination event, as determined and reported by the National Registry of EMT's. The qualifying examination event can be either the successful completion of the cognitive or practical examination, whichever is the most recent and within the allowable eligibility period.
  - E. The certification expiration date will be either March 31 or September 30.
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