

# UPDATED: Interim Guidance on Card Extensions during COVID-19 Outbreak



## CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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**Purpose:** To provide additional flexibility for providers, AHA Instructors, and Instructor candidates during the COVID-19 pandemic. *NOTE: This guidance on card extensions supersedes the guidance outlined in the March 13, 2020, document, "Interim Guidance on Extensions for AHA Instructor & Provider Cards during COVID-19 Outbreak."*

### AHA Instructor and Provider Card Extensions

Per the statement regarding further extensions of AHA course completion cards beyond 60 days past the recommended renewal day (in interim guidance released on March 13, 2020), and given the ongoing threat of exposure to COVID-19, with many communities under shelter in place orders to minimize the spread of the disease, the AHA is extending AHA Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date, beginning with cards that expire in March 2020.

Please see the AHA's guidance below, and disseminate to anyone who has a business need for this information (e.g., students, employers, medical or safety regulators, etc.).

#### For Instructor Cards expiring beginning in March 2020:

- AHA Instructor cards will be valid for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date.
- Instructor candidates will also have 10 months from the completion of their Instructor course to complete monitoring.
- Management of this extension, and any record-keeping, will be the responsibility of the Training Center.

#### For AHA Provider Cards expiring beginning in March 2020:

- AHA Provider Cards will be valid for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date.
- Management of this extension, and any record-keeping, will be the responsibility of the Training Center.

#### AHA Policy on Expired Cards for Update/Renewal Courses:

- Over the next 120 days, for providers whose cards have expired due to inability to complete training during the COVID-19 outbreak, the AHA will allow Instructors to provide remediation during update courses.