# Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Maine Department of Education Certifications

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| 1. Certification Renewals            | - Extensions reflected in educators’ MEIS account  
- No further action required by educator  
- No additional cost to educator for extension  
- This includes criminal history record check (CHRC) & professional certificates for teachers, specialists, and administrators  
- Educators with renewals not impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to renew now  
- Certificates with expiration dates of 2/1/2020 – 7/1/2020, which have not had any action by the certificate holder, will be extended one year to 2/1/2021-7/1/2021 respectively  
- Once extended certificate is renewed by the certificate holder, the new certificate will expire 4 years later   |
| 2. Initials: Certificates, Endorsements, & Clearances | - Online application  
- Certifications would still be issued to qualified individuals for conditional or professional certificate.  
- Praxis exam requirement waived  
- Temporary CHRC issued until 30 days after the end of the Civil Emergency  |
| 3. Expiring Conditional Certificates | - Online application  
- One-year extension (7/1/2020 – 7/1/2021) resulting from unfinished coursework  
- Praxis exam requirement waived  
- Educator initiated request for individual case by case support  |
| 4. Renewal of CHRC expiring          | - Online application  
- Temporary CHRC issued until 30 days after the end of the Civil Emergency  |