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On May 5, 2021, the Maine EMS board extended the waiver of the requirement for ALS and BLS Skill CEH's. Currently, Maine EMS rule chapter 5 §5 (5) (C) (1) and (2) outlines the CEH requirements for all license levels. Due to hardships created by COVID-19, opportunities for skill classes have been significantly reduced. To keep-up with workforce demands and professional standards, this waiver was passed.

Effective immediately, clinicians seeking to renew their EMS license do not need to complete the requirement for skill hours. However, those hours must be completed in any other category. This waiver does **not** reduce the total number of CEH's needed to renew an EMS license. This waiver will be in place **until December 31, 2021**. Furthermore, this waiver only applies to EMS clinicians whose license expires on or before December 31, 2021.

*Examples:*

- 1- An EMT applies for renewal and is short four (4) BLS skill hours but has exceeded the medical requirement by four (4) hours. This meets the 52-hour CEH requirement. The license may be renewed, assuming all other standards for licensing have been met.
- 2- An EMT applies for renewal and is short four (4) BLS skill hours but only meets the CEH requirement in all other categories. The licensee in this example has 48 hours, four (4) short of the 52-hour requirement. The license application may not be renewed until further CEH hours are obtained.

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