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On December 1, 2021, the Maine EMS Board unanimously approved extending a temporary waiver of the requirement for ALS and BLS Skill CEHs for EMS clinician re-licensure originally issued on December 2, 2020. The waiver is now scheduled to expire on September 30, 2022. Currently, Maine EMS rule chapter 5 §6 (2) (C) (1) (C) outlines the CEH requirements for all license levels. This waiver was passed to assist services with the ability to maintain workforce staffing during the pandemic, recognizing that opportunities for skills CEHs have been significantly reduced.

This waiver does not reduce the total number of CEHs needed to renew an EMS license. EMS clinicians will still be responsible for obtaining the total number of CEH hours required for relicensure. However, overflow from any other training category may be applied to complete the CEH requirements for ALS and/or BLS skills hours. This waiver will remain in effect and applies to EMS clinicians whose license expires on or before **September 30, 2022**.

### 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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