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Background

Ambulance Operators are required by law to obtain licensure from the Emergency Medical Service’s Board (“the Board”) prior to operating (32 M.R.S. §82 (1)). Additionally, Maine EMS is required by statute (32 M.R.S. §85-B (6)) to adopt rules regarding the licensure of Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Operators. Maine EMS adopted Chapter 5-B of its rules, which were published by the Secretary of State’s office on December 24, 2022. Chapter 5-B is effective six (6) months after its publication by the Secretary of State’s Office under Ch. 5-B § 1(3). Recognizing a need to add a pathway for Ambulance Operators to seek licensure, Maine EMS updated and consolidated its applications for new and reciprocal licensure to include an application for Ambulance Operators. This application was made available on May 23, 2023.

Board Action

At their regular meeting on June 7, 2023, the Board recognized that additional time was needed to allow individuals required to obtain licensure to do so, finding that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring a temporary waiver of the rule to mitigate operational impacts on our system.

Waiver

The Board waived 16-163 C.M.R. Ch. 5-B §1 (1), which states: “A person not licensed under MRS 32 Chapter 2-B section 85 who is associated with a ground ambulance service shall obtain a license under this chapter to operate an emergency medical services ambulance.” The Board’s waiver is effective for **180 days**, expiring on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**.

The practical effect of this rule’s waiver is to give individuals required to obtain licensure additional time to do so. It allows for a person who is not yet licensed to continue to operate an emergency medical service’s ambulance. This waiver does not exempt any individuals required to seek licensure from doing so; the application is available in the E-Licensing portal now with

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an application guide and video tutorial posted on the [Maine EMS Licensing](#) web pages under HELPFUL LINKS. Those individuals required to obtain licensure, and who do not do so prior to the expiration of this waiver, are at risk of violation of Maine EMS's rules and/or the law.

If you have any questions regarding the Ambulance Operator Licensure, please reach out to Maine EMS at ems.licensure@maine.gov

Scan the QR Code below to access the Maine EMS Licensing website

