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**This year, the OEMST has received multiple license renewal submissions from individuals, who are required to hold Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification, but failed to submit proof of certification as part of the renewal. The root of this issue seems to be confusion around the words "optional level" in Chapter 8.**

**Since 2008, all providers who are authorized to perform manual defibrillation or administer cardiac medications have been required to maintain Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification:**

*Rules and Regulations for the "Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Act of 1977" W.S. 33-36-101, specifically Chapter 8, Section 4, (b) (vi) If authorized, for the optional level, EMT Intermediate shall have completed an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course equivalent to American Heart Association guidelines and submit a legible copy of a current certificate to the Division.*

**This was further defined with the publishing of the new Chapter 5 earlier this year, which clarified this requirement:**

*Rules and Regulations for the "Wyoming Emergency Medical Services Act of 1977" W.S. 33-36-101, specifically Chapter 5, Section 3, (x) Proof of current certification in American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support if the applicant is applying for licensure at the IEMT or Paramedic level.*

**Chapter 5 also directs compliance with the requirements in Chapter 8 in order to renew a license at any level:**

*Section 9. Licensure Renewal.*

*(a) The Division may renew a license only if the license holder has completed the renewal requirements as set forth in Chapter 8 of these rules. To ensure continuous licensure, the renewal applicant shall submit the following documentation to the Division not less than thirty (30) days, but not more than ninety (90) days, before the license expires:*

- (i) A renewal application form,*
- (ii) Proof of completion of all required continuing medical education, and*
- (iii) The attendant affiliation fee, if applicable.*

**Due to this confusion, the OEMST is providing a waiver period to allow time for agencies and licensees to correct this issue and become compliant with the Rules governing their license. (See W.S. 33-36-110)**

**IEMTs whose license expires on 12/31/2015, are granted a waiver until June 30, 2016, to obtain ACLS certification. These individuals must submit proof of ACLS certification by 5:00 PM on June 30 to maintain a license as an IEMT. If the OEMST does not receive this submission by the deadline, the license will be downgraded to the AEMT level.**

**IEMTs whose license expires 12/31/2016 and later, must submit proof of ACLS certification as part of their license renewal.**

**It is solely the responsibility of the individual licensee to ensure that they obtain valid ACLS credentials within the grace period and submit it to the OEMS to avoid the downgrade that will occur on July 1, 2016 for anyone that has not submitted valid ACLS credentials by that time.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bob Dean, OEMS Compliance Officer at [bob.dean@wyo.gov](mailto:bob.dean@wyo.gov) or [307-777-7955](tel:307-777-7955).**

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