

Regarding SSG Jardine's concerns. His request is that for state licensed EMTs whose service prevents them from meeting their continuing education requirements or taking the cognitive and psychomotor exam that their state EMT license not be put in a lapsed status, but instead that their license is extended until a reasonable time period after their return so that they can complete their requirements. Having said that, if the state handled it this way it would facilitate service members re-establishing their National Registry EMS certification with only the refresher course (~24 hrs) rather than having to redo the entire EMS training (~110 hrs). This would only really be necessary for civilian EMTs who are not 68W's (combat medics) on the military side. For 68Ws, the Army requires that they meet their re-certification requirements for National Registry even if they are deployed (i.e. the Army facilitates them doing their refresher training even though they are overseas (otherwise they lose their MOS). So this really would only be needed for say an Army truck driver who is deployed but back in the civilian world he runs with a local Ambulance service or fire department. It is likely that while he is deployed the Army would not necessarily allow him the time to meet his National Registry re-certification requirement so his National Registry certification would be lost and his state license would lapse. Upon returning home he would only need his to take the refresher course to re-establish his state license, but he would need to take the entire EMT course to be re-certified by the National Registry. If his state license was extended until after he got back he would be able to take just the refresher course and re-establish both his state EMT license and his National Registry certification.

Regards,

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