



Fact Sheet

COVID-19: Paramedic Licensure & Scope of Practice Updates

EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics shall be allowed to perform their current scope of practice in hospitals, medical facilities, alternate care sites, shelter care sites, in-home settings, or any additional setting approved by the director of the Authority for purposes of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Is the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Paramedic Licensure Unit open at this time?

Yes. The unit remains open to process initial, renewal, and reinstatement applications for paramedic licensure. However, staffing is limited which may result in service delays.

2. Is there an extension for paramedic license renewals occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Not at this time. Visit the [Training Program Database](#) to find Continuing Education training programs in your area.

3. What is the best method for application submission during the COVID-19 pandemic?

EMSA recommends the use of the online licensing system for electronic submission of initial and renewal applications.

- Non-audit renewal applications may be approved in as little as 24 hours when submitted and paid with a Visa, Mastercard, or debit card online.**
- Initial applications skip the accounting line by paying with a Visa, Mastercard, or debit card during online submission.**
- Reinstatement applications for lapsed licenses still require submission via the paper application.**

4. What requests and information updates does the online system accept?

Update Online:

Address

Email

Phone information

Submit to paramedic@emsa.ca.gov

Name change

Verification request

Duplicate card request

Find forms for paramedic@emsa.ca.gov submissions on our [FORMS](#) page.