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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WING AND REGION COMMANDERS

FROM: CAP/CC

SUBJECT: Coronavirus COVID-19 Operations Qualifications Extensions

1. Due to the growing concerns of potential exposure to COVID-19 and the limitations associated with public gatherings, I have advised CAP/DO to extend qualifications that will expire before normal operations resume. All current operational qualifications expiring between 31 March and 31 August 2020 earned through procedures outlined in CAPRs 60-3, 70-1, 77-1 and the associated CAP Standards and SQTRs will be extended one time on 31 March 2020 through 30 September 2020 with the following caveats:

- a. CAP pilot qualifications expire when an FAA pilot certificate or medical certificate expires. If the FAA grants expiration date extensions in the future, CAP will apply those rules universally as applicable.
- b. CAP driver's licenses expire with State driver's licenses. If expiration date extensions are granted by State agencies, appropriate documentation will be required in Ops Quals to change the expiration date.
- c. Flight evaluations and renewals of other mission qualifications must be accomplished following published procedures. Though it is important for CAP to have sufficient personnel qualified to accomplish missions as assigned, CAP will not reduce training qualifications and inadvertently increase risk. CAP must maintain the same level of operational readiness and high safety standards despite the challenging time.
- d. As any qualifications are renewed, their new expiration dates will be based on the date of the renewal, not 30 September 2020. Significant re-programming would be required to make this accommodation which would also force many qualifications to lapse at future fiscal year changes. Once the current COVID-19 situation allows, personnel with lapsing qualification dates should be encouraged by leaders to renew qualifications as soon as reasonably possible. CAP is choosing to extend all qualification expiration dates at this time to provide stability to our force and with the understanding that the time to return to full service will likely vary across the country.
- e. Personnel earning new qualifications at this time will follow existing requirements as published and expiration dates will be based on existing rules when they qualify.

2. Questions should be directed to the Director of Operations, John Desmarais, at jdesmarais@capnhq.gov.



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