

## Coach Certification Requirement Extensions

With the continuation of many facilities being closed due to COVID-19, coaches may find it difficult to renew some certifications. USA Swimming's Risk Management Committee met, and the following steps are being taken to assist coaches whose Lifeguard Training, In-Water Safety Training or CPR/AED certifications expire between July 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

For agencies granting certification extensions, please submit the following to your LSC registrar:

- Any correspondence from the agency that provides specific information about the extension, including the new expiration date(s). Examples of correspondence include provisional/temporary certificates, email notifications from the agency, etc.
- A copy of your Lifeguard Training, In-Water Safety Training or CPR/AED certifications showing an expiration date within the dates stated above.

For certifications from any agency which does not grant an extension:

- USA Swimming is granting an extension until **March 31, 2021** for coaches whose Lifeguard Training, In-Water Safety Training or CPR/AED certifications expire between July 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

Please note the following:

- For CPR/AED and In-Water Safety Training certifications which expire during the above stated timeframe, SWIMS and Deck Pass will be updated to reflect the new expiration date of March 31, 2021.
- Programming changes are necessary and will be done as soon as possible. In the meantime, coaches may receive reminders about expiring certifications until the current expiration dates are rolled forward to March 31, 2021.
- Any coaches who can renew the certifications listed above should send their updated certificates to their LSC registrar as usual.
- Those with expirations prior to the first extension of March 1, 2020 who have not completed a CPR course WILL NOT receive an extension and/or exemption as they should have completed a class prior to the virus.

It is important to note courses which can be completed online, such as membership requirements and other certifications, must be updated on or before its current expiration date. These courses include Athlete Protection Training, background checks, Coaches Advantage Training, and online Safety Training for Swim Coaches.