

## Coach Certifications

### Summary of the Below

**If a coach received an extension to their coach certifications for STSC and CPR to July 31, 2020, that extension has been extended to December 31, 2020.**

**USA Swimming Coach Connection Newsletter will be sent out this week regarding certification extensions.**

**Coach Certification Requirements – 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 with this issue for coaches whose Lifeguard Training, In-Water Safety Training or CPR/AED certifications **expire between July 31, 2020 and December 30, 2020:**

***For agencies that are granting certification extensions***

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 that does not grant an extension*** - USA Swimming is granting an extension until **December 31, 2020**, for coaches whose Lifeguard Training, In-Water Safety Training or CPR/AED certifications expire between July 31 and December 30, 2020.

***Please note the following:***

- For CPR/AED and In-Water Safety Training certifications that expire during the above stated timeframe, SWIMS and Deck Pass will be updated to reflect the new expiration date of 12/31/2020.

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- 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 12/31/2020.

- Any coaches who are 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 or 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 also important to note that other certifications and membership requirements must be updated on or before their current expiration date for courses that are completed online. These courses include Athlete Protection Training, background checks, Coaches Advantage Training, and online Safety Training for Swim Coaches.