



Department
of Education

Mike DeWine, Governor
Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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RE: Pupil Transportation driver certificate

To: Transportation Directors/Supervisors:

The Pupil Transportation Office at the Ohio Department of Education is committed to supporting the continued safe transportation of Ohio's students. We hope you, your family and your staff are healthy and doing well. To that end, we want to provide you with information about driver certificates during this pandemic.

On March 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed Sub. House Bill 197, which states Ohio licenses or certifications (including preservice certificates and T-8 physicals) expiring during the declared State of Emergency shall remain valid until either 90 days after the declared emergency ends **OR** Dec. 1, 2020, whichever comes sooner. The State of Emergency was declared on March 9, 2020, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-01D. The Ohio Department of Education will announce the official date the emergency ends.

Ohio preservice instructors will work with drivers in their regions to ensure those who need the classroom portion will be able to get through the training. The drivers who have attended class already and were not able to complete all required training prior to the emergency also will have until 90 days after the emergency ends **OR** Dec. 1, 2020, whichever comes sooner.

Additional guidance from the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles regarding the extension of time for driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and registrations can be found [here](#).

The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Preservice Instructor Team are working diligently with these changes, and we will notify you of any progress as soon as the information is available. We thank you for your commitment to student safety and look forward to continuing to serve Ohio's children.

Please contact Jason Heilman at Jason.heilman@education.ohio.gov if you have any questions.