



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: House Bill 2028 and Senate Bill 986; Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and Use of Automated Defibrillators for Licensure and Renewal

The 2013 General Assembly has passed [House Bill 2028](#) and [Senate Bill 986](#) effective on July 1, 2013, that state, in part, the following:

§ 4. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. The Board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training....

School Divisions Submitting Initial Licensure Requests and Licensure Renewal Requests

Effective July 1, 2013, school divisions submitting initial requests for licenses and/or licensure renewal requests on behalf of employees will be required to verify that these individuals have provided evidence (documentation kept on file in the school division) of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED). This certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

Individuals Submitting Initial Licensure Applications and Licensure Renewals

Effective July 1, 2013, an individual submitting an initial application for a license or a licensure renewal request must submit official documentation providing evidence of the completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. Written documentation must clearly indicate that all three topics (emergency first aid, CPR, AED) were included in the certification or training. This certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

Any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training in emergency first aid, CPR, and AED may submit a request for a waiver from this requirement. The individual must submit a written request and provide official documentation identifying the disabling condition preventing the individual from completing the certification or training.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Mark R. Allan, director of licensure and school leadership, via e-mail at Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov or telephone at (804) 371-2471.

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