

Subject	Extension of Certification periods
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Good Morning

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department has received several questions regarding the recertification of juvenile probation officers, juvenile supervision officers, and community activities officers whose current certifications are expiring soon. We recognize that your resources are limited and must currently be devoted to keeping children in your care safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. While training is important to ensure the safety of children, we recognize that officers who are seeking recertification have previously been trained. We also recognize that training is frequently done in groups of more than 10, which would be non-compliant with many orders issued by local governments. Taking all of this into account, in accordance with the authority provided in Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Section 344.870, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department is granting a three-month extension of certification to all officers whose certification expires in March, April, or May 2020. As such, those currently expiring on March 31, 2020, now expire on June 30, 2020, those currently expiring on April 30, 2020, now expire on July 31, 2020, and those currently expiring on May 31, 2020, now expire on August 31, 2020.

We will evaluate in the future if any additional adjustments are necessary. Thank you for your continued dedication to the children of Texas.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns related to this, or other areas we can assist with.

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