
March 27, 2020

90 DAY CERTIFICATION EXTENSION FOR LIFEGUARDING AND CPR/AED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL RESCUER

The 90 Day Certification Extension Course is a free online only course that will be available to Authorized Providers/Licensed Training Partners (AP/LTPs) via the Red Cross Learning Center (RCLC) and on RedCross.org. Course name and code details are listed in Appendix A. This course enables a certificate holder to extend any current American Red Cross Lifeguarding, Shallow Water Lifeguarding, Aquatic Attraction Lifeguarding and/or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certification by 90 days from the original certification expiration date. This extension certificate is for student or base level certificates only and does not apply to instructor or instructor trainer certifications. This extension requires a current Red Cross certification to be valid and the current certification must be within 30 days of its expiration period to be eligible for this course. The extension certificate must be presented with a certificate that has expired as proof of current certification.

There are two ways to access the 90 Day Certification Extension:

To obtain the 90 day extension **through [RedCross.org](https://www.redcross.org)**, a participant needs to register for and complete the following online learning acknowledgement for the “90 Day Certification Extension for existing CPRO & Lifeguarding Enrollees” course:

“The 90 Day Certification Extension Course enables a certificate holder to extend their current American Red Cross certification by 90 days from the original expiration date. This extension certificate is for student or base level certificates **ONLY** and **DOES NOT** apply to instructor or instructor trainer certifications. This extension requires a *current* Red Cross certification to be valid. The extension certificate must be presented with a certificate that has expired.”

Once completed, certifications will be available in the Red Cross Learning Center and in the Find My Certs tool.

To obtain the 90 Day Certification Extension **through the [Red Cross Learning Center](#)**, instructors need to submit a course record for the “90 Day Certification Extension for existing CPRO & Lifeguarding Enrollees” course through the Course Record Entry Tool via the process below. Once completed, certifications will be available in the Red Cross Learning Center and in the Find My Certs tool.



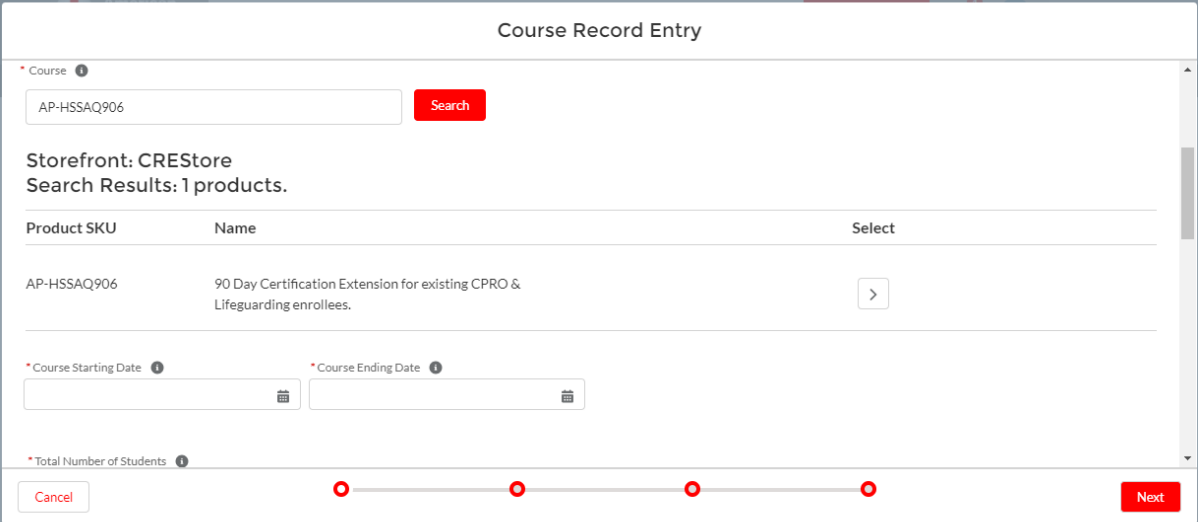
FAQ's

1. Will we honor the 30-day grace period for a recertification course?
 - Yes, you can enroll in this program if the certification is coming up for expiration or has expired in the last 30 days.
 2. Will the 90 extension certificate be recognized by potential employers?
 - Ultimately, up to the facility to accept the extension cert
 3. What was the rationale for giving an automatic 90-day extension for LG/CPRO basic level certs but not FA/CPR/AED?
 - Inherent in the occupation of a lifeguard is orientation, continuous training at your facility and drills. These activities have been shown to lengthen retention of the fundamentals we teach in lifeguarding and CPRO. In addition, the facilities who hire lifeguards have as part of their responsibility the need to orient, drill and supervise these individuals which gives a secondary validation of their current competency. As such we are comfortable to have an allowance in this time of a public health emergency.
 4. Does this mean all providers should not teach Lifeguarding or other aquatic classes during this time?
 - No. All AP/LTPs must move to social distancing approaches if social distancing is in place based on local public health direction. If social distancing is in place, we do not recommend teaching aquatic classes at this time. If social distancing is not in place by local public health direction, we advise the use of the social distancing changes during the portions of the class that allow it.
 5. How long will the extension course be available?
 - The extension course will be available between March 17 – June 15th, 2020.
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90 DAY CERTIFICATION EXTENSION COURSE RECORD ENTRY

Step 1: Navigate to the Red Cross Learning Center. From the home page, click the Course Record Entry button

Step 2: Use the CRE to enroll the students in the class and to close the class



Course Record Entry

* Course ⓘ

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Search Results: 1 products.

Product SKU	Name	Select
AP-HSSAQ906	90 Day Certification Extension for existing CPRO & Lifeguarding enrollees.	<input type="button" value=">"/>

* Course Starting Date ⓘ

* Course Ending Date ⓘ

* Total Number of Students ⓘ

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Step 3: Continue to follow the standard process for Course Record Entry

Step 4: When the course is closed, the student will receive the standard 2-year Certification



Appendix A

Certification Course Codes and Names:

Course Name	Course Codes Red Cross Learning Center	Course Codes RedCross.org
90 Day Certification Extension for existing CPRO & Lifeguarding enrollees*	AP-HSSAQ906	COM-HSSAQ906

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