

# Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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**Topic:** Long Term Care

**Due date:**

**Subject:** Extension of Oregon Home Care Commission Certification End Dates Due to COVID-19

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Types A and B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>please specify</i> ): CMHP case managers  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs                           |  |

**Message:**

Due to physical distancing requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person homecare, personal support worker, and personal care attendant trainings, including CPR and First Aid, were suspended. In response, the Oregon Home Care Commission (OHCC) has extended the certification end dates for those workers who currently hold a Professional Development Certification, Enhanced Certification or Exceptional Certification.

Certifications that expire between March 8, 2020 and December 31, 2020 will be extended 150 days to give homecare and personal support workers the opportunity to complete classes and renew CPR/First Aid certifications. All workers affected will be required to complete all renewal requirements prior to the extended certification expiration date. OHCC will continue to monitor and extend certification end dates as appropriate based on the availability of trainings.

Those with certifications will continue to receive the appropriate pay differential.

CPR/First Aid dates are extended to maintain the certified workers' pay rate.

If local office staff become aware that the worker has been paid at the incorrect rate, they should send an email to the Oregon Home Care Commission's certification mailbox at [CERTIFICATIONS.OHCC@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:CERTIFICATIONS.OHCC@dhsosha.state.or.us) or call Melanie Ewell at 503-798-6131.

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