



Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Board

**State of Alaska
Department of Environmental Conservation**

Policy Statement 2016-02 Renewal of Lapsed Certificates for Operators Returning from Active Duty Deployment in the Armed Services

Background

The Operator Certification and Training regulations allow for the renewal of an expired certificate 365 days after expiration provided the continuing education requirement is met and the renewal fee is paid.

Introduction

Military personnel who have met the continuing education requirement for the renewal of their certificates and are deployed during the year their certificates expire may not have the ability to pay the renewal fees prior to the expiration date and will have to pay late fees.

Discussion

The Board recognizes that the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment to undertake military service.

The Board also recognizes and appreciates the importance of service in the armed services and the need for assisting returning veterans in returning to work.

Policy

Upon request, the department will renew an operator's expired certificate if the operator has been called to service with the armed services provided

1. The request is made within 365 days of the certificate expiring.

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2. The necessary continuing education is documented per 18 AAC 74.810.
3. The fee for renewal is paid per 18 AAC 74.870; however, the \$100 per certificate renewal fee for active certificates per 18 AAC 74.870 (d) will be assessed. Late fees per 18 AAC 74.870 (f) and (g) will not be assessed

The term service in the armed services means the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in an armed service under competent authority and includes active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time duty, and overseas deployment. Armed services consist of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Active Reserves, and National Guard.

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