



Instructor and Instructor Trainer Update and Recertification Deadlines Extended

November 23, 2011

Instructor and instructor trainer certifications (previously called authorizations) for the following programs have been extended to March 31, 2012:

- First Aid/CPR/AED
- CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Health Care Providers
- Emergency Medical Response

The extension has been granted in order to allow instructors and instructor trainers ample time to complete the online instructor Update or to attend a group orientation for the new 2011 programs. No additional steps are required for those who have already completed the Update.

Instructor and instructor trainer certifications for the following programs are extended to June 30, 2012:

- Basic Water Rescue
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Babysitter's Training
- Lifeguarding (releasing in January 2012)
- Nurse Assistant Training
- Safety Training for Swim Coaches
- Swimming and Water Safety (WSI)
- Wilderness and Remote First Aid

Starting November 29, an [HTML blast email](#) will be distributed to instructors and instructor trainers informing them of the certification extensions, notifying them that they will receive an email two weeks later with instructions on how to complete the online Updates. The communication also directs them to make sure they have an email address in their American Red Cross Learning Center profile and that all of their contact information is current by confirming with the Training Support Center.

A related direct mail communication will be sent out early next year.

Please share this information with your staff and remind instructors and instructor trainers about the extensions once the blast email goes out. A related announcement will also be posted on Instructor's Corner next week.