



**Certified EKG Technician (CET) & Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT)
Externship Extensions Announcement:**

As the circumstances continue to evolve around COVID-19, we know it remains unclear when some schools and externship programs will reopen. NHA has continued to evaluate the ongoing circumstances that may prevent access to externships or the opportunity to complete the live eligibility requirements for CPT and CET exams.

To serve our candidates' best interests, NHA will be offering a 180-day extension from the exam date for candidates to complete the NHA CPT or CET live eligibility requirements and/or programmatic externship requirements where required for programs like CCMA. To pursue an extension for your institution's candidates, please contact your NHA representative and they will be happy to answer any questions and provide the appropriate addendum(s).

After completing the NHA addendum(s) through your NHA representative:

- Candidates who pass their exam before meeting the NHA CPT or CET live eligibility requirements and/or programmatic externship requirements will receive documentation that they successfully passed their certification exam and are considered conditionally certified.
- The additional NHA live eligibility requirements and/or institution program externship requirements must be satisfied within 180 days of the candidate passing the exam.
- Once candidates complete the NHA CPT or CET eligibility requirements or your programmatic externship requirements, they will need to provide proof of completion to your organization.
- Upon your receipt of proof of completion of the NHA CPT or CET eligibility requirements and/or programmatic externship requirements, please contact NHA and we will release the candidate's certificate and ensure employers can verify the candidate as an active certification holder.



- NHA will update the candidate's status and issue the full certification to the candidate.

We will continue to monitor the evolving situation and communicate any updates on our [COVID-19 resources page](#).

Thank you again for your continued commitment to your programs and candidates. We're all in this together, and NHA is here to support you and your learners.