

Addressing the Impact of COVID-19 on Maine Department of Education Certifications

	Process to Apply	Notes
1. <i>Certification Renewals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensions reflected in educators' MEIS account • No further action required by educator • No additional cost to educator for extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This includes criminal history record check (CHRC) & professional certificates for teachers, specialists, and administrators • Educators with renewals not impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to renew now • Certificates with expiration dates of 2/1/2020 – 7/1/2020, which have not had any action by the certificate holder, will be extended one year to 2/1/2021-7/1/2021 respectively • Once extended certificate is renewed by the certificate holder, the new certificate will expire 4 years later
2. <i>Initials: Certificates, Endorsements, & Clearances</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certifications would still be issued to qualified individuals for conditional or professional certificate. • Praxis exam requirement waived • Temporary CHRC issued until 30 days after the end of the Civil Emergency
3. <i>Expiring Conditional Certificates</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-year extension (7/1/2020 – 7/1/2021) resulting from unfinished coursework • Praxis exam requirement waived • Educator initiated request for individual case by case support
4. <i>Renewal of CHRC expiring</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary CHRC issued until 30 days after the end of the Civil Emergency