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TO: ALAUX  
ALAUX 014/21

Subj: QUALIFICATION EXAMINER (QE) CHECK RIDE TASK EXPIRATION DATE EXTENSIONS

Ref: (a) ALAUX 032-20 Auxiliary Currency Maintenance Changes for 2020  
(b) Auxiliary Boat Crew Training Manual, COMDTINST M16794.51A

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1. Reference (a) announced specified currency maintenance task expiration dates in CY 2020 were extended to the end of CY 2021 including the triennial QE check ride task for surface operations competencies. For some districts, extension of the QE check ride task expiration dates creates an unmanageable CY 2021 workload that exceeds capacity to conduct required QE check rides. This check ride workload issue, if not addressed, will repeat itself in 2024.
  2. Effective immediately, all QE check rides that were last completed in 2018, 2019, and 2020 will have their task expiration dates extended by one year in AUXDATA II (e.g. if a check ride was last completed in 2018 and is due by the end of 2021, then the expiration date is extended by one year to 2022). QE check ride expiration dates will be updated in AUXDATA in the near future.
  3. This extension does not include QE check ride tasks that were waived/extended by reference (a), **nor is it a blanket waiver to exempt surface operators from having to complete a check ride**. It allows districts to manage their risk, proficiency and check-ride workload by prioritizing their most urgent check rides. If a district has the capacity to complete all QE check-rides which have task expiration dates in CY 2021, then they can coordinate their QEs to do so. Once a check-ride is completed and the task is entered in AUXDATA II, the new expiration date will automatically be set to the end of the third year from the date of the new QE check-ride per reference (b).
  4. There is increased risk when QE check-ride expiration dates are extended. Districts and all levels of the Chain of Leadership and Management must employ appropriate strategies to manage and mitigate any increased risk.
  5. Questions must be sent through the Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM).
  6. Internet Release is authorized.
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\*\*\*For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.\*\*\*

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\*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

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If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email [CGAUX@uscg.mil](mailto:CGAUX@uscg.mil).