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FROM: American Heart Association
CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

SUBJECT: Validity of AHA eCards

An American Heart Association (AHA) eCard is the electronic equivalent of printed AHA course completion card. **eCards are valid course completion cards and can be presented to employers as proof of successful completion of an AHA course.**

Beginning **January 1, 2018**, all US-based AHA Training Centers (TCs) will be required to use AHA eCards for issuing course completion cards to providers and students who successfully complete the requirements of AHA courses. For those AHA TCs not currently using eCards, this conversion to eCards will be required upon renewal of their AHA TC Agreement (TCA). TCs currently issuing both eCards and print cards will convert to eCards only upon TCA renewal.

Security & Validation:

eCards are more secure than printed cards. A 3-point verification by the TC Coordinator (TCC), Instructor, and student is required to issue and claim eCards. eCard information is populated electronically by the TCC or Instructor and can only be altered by the TCC or AHA Customer Service. eCards can be easily verified by employers at www.heart.org/cpr/mycards to prove issuance by a valid TC and Instructor aligned with that TC. Also, students who are issued eCards have the benefit of self-service and can access their eCard Profile any time at www.heart.org/cpr/mycards.

Acceptance of eCard by Regulatory Agencies

The AHA encourages all employers and licensing entities to accept eCards as official proof of course completion and to validate eCards through www.heart.org/cpr/mycards.

Per the Joint Commission, its surveyors will accept evidence of standards compliance in either a paper format or an electronic format.

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AHAeCARDS

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Sample of an official AHA eCard:

Students may print eCards in a certificate-size or wallet-size format, as shown below, or may present them as an image on a mobile device.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT	
BLS Provider	 American Heart Association®
has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program.	
Issue Date	Recommended Renewal Date
Training Center Name	Instructor Name
Training Center ID	Instructor ID
Training Center Address	eCard Code
Training Center Phone Number	QR Code 
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BASIC LIFE SUPPORT	
BLS Provider	 American Heart Association®
The above individual has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program.	
Issue Date	Recommended Renewal Date
<small>To view or verify authenticity, students and employers should scan this QR code with their mobile device or go to www.heart.org/cpr/mycards.</small>	
	

AHA eCards (certificate and wallet size)

eCard Layout:

- **General:** All information on the eCard is digitally populated from the information entered by the TCC or Instructor.
- **Branding:** eCards feature the official AHA logo.
- **Copyright:** All cards have a copyright notice.
- **Dates:** The issue date appears as the 2-digit month and day and 4-digit year. The recommended renewal date appears as the 2-digit month and 4-digit year, 2 years from the issue date.
- **eCard code:** The eCard code is printed on the card. The format of the code is the last 2 digits of the year the eCard was issued, followed by a 3-digit course code and a 7-digit random number. This code may be used by students or employers to access and verify eCards at www.heart.org/cpr/mycards.
- **Modules:** For Heartsaver cards, the optional modules completed are listed.
- **QR code:** eCards feature a QR code, which can be scanned with a mobile device to view the eCard.
- **Verification:** eCards include the website address where students and employers can view or verify eCards.

For more information, please see the AHA Course Card Reference Guide located at CPR.Heart.org.