



Student Eligibility Guidelines for WMA International Recertification Courses

Before allowing students to register and pay for a WMA International WFR Recertification course, please make sure they meet the following eligibility requirements:

Eligible Students:

Must have a current WFR or Outdoor Emergency Care* (OEC) certification (unexpired or within the certifying agency's grace period). The following table outlines course formats and hours that meet our eligibility requirements.

Types of Acceptable Certifications	Hour Requirements
In-person WFR Course	Minimum of 70 hours of in-person instruction
Hybrid or Blended WFR Course (Pre-course work + in-person)	Minimum of 70 hours total, with a minimum of 45 hours of in-person instruction
WFR Re-Certification Course	Minimum of 16 hours of in-person instruction

*Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) certification holders are eligible to recertify in WMA recertification courses. Upon successful completion, students will receive a WFR certification.

The following companies and/or courses have historically met the above requirements:

WFR courses taught by SOLO, NOLS, AERIE, Wilderness Medical Training Center, Desert Mountain Medicine, Longleaf, Foster Calm, Wilderness Medicine of Utah, Rocky Mountain Adventure Medicine, MED Remote Medicine, Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, Backcountry Medical Guides, Cornell-Weil School of Medicine, and Sierra Rescue International. Additionally, the Peak Emergency Response Training course titled "Non-Urban Emergency Care Level 3" and in-person WFR course taught by Base Medical also meet these requirements. *Note: both Peak Emergency Response and Base Medical teach other courses that do not meet our eligibility requirements.*

COVID-19 Extensions

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, WMA International currently accepts up to a one-year extension of a WFR Certification. If a student indicates they have received an extension, please ask them to produce supporting documentation.

Special Circumstances

If a student's certification is current but will expire before Day 1 of the course, instruct them to email the WMA International office, office@wildmed.com, before they register for the course. On a case-by-case basis the WMA International office may award an eligibility extension to the student if the course is 1-2 months past their certification's expiration date. Eligibility extension requests must be submitted to the WMA International office before the student's certification expiration date is reached.

Students Who are Ineligible

Students who register for a course after their certification or any relevant extensions have expired. Students who took an entirely online WFR course or WFR Recertification course.