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## **Attention All Aquatic Venue Qualified Operators:**

The Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA) formerly known as the National Swimming Pool Foundation, issued the following statement regarding their Certified Pool Operator® certifications:

*“PHTA recognizes that the restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have caused many in-person CPO classes to be canceled. At the same time, there are many individuals whose CPO is due to expire and need to recertify. Because of this, PHTA is extending the expiration date by three months for anyone whose CPO is due to expire in March or April. Please contact [service@phta.org](mailto:service@phta.org) for additional assistance.”*

Even though your certificate expiration date may have been extended, the New Mexico Environment Department will still require you be able to provide documentation that you have signed up to attend a course to obtain a new certification once restrictions are lifted that will allow in person classes to resume.

The New Mexico Environment Department has granted approval for the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance’s fully online course that they have made available during the COVID-19 Public Health Orders.

There are also two other options for online courses through the American Swimming Pool and Spa Association, and through the Aquatic Training Institute (ATI) – Certified Pool Technician (CPT) Training.

Contact information and additional information for all three qualified pool operator courses approved by NMED can be found at the following link to our website:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/pools/certified-operator-training-courses/>

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please reach out to your local field office ([LIST HERE](#)) or by email at [aquatics.program@state.nm.us](mailto:aquatics.program@state.nm.us)