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As per last year's legislative change (§18-2-25c), all school sports personnel are required to be trained in AED and CPR beginning with school year 2021-22. This applies to all individuals, paid or unpaid, those who hold a coaching/athletic trainer/limited football trainer authorization issued by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), and to those who are eligible to coach/serve in the capacity of sports personnel without being required to hold the Coaching Authorization issued by the WVDE.

The WVDE will only require verification of completion of such training for those applying for the coaching authorization, athletic trainer, and limited football trainer. All other eligible individuals who will serve as sports personnel who are not applying for the authorization would be verified by the county, but not provided to the WVDE. The training must be as per county policy. The WVSSAC has provided guidance on the acceptable trainings and who may offer these trainings. If you have not received such guidance or have additional questions, you will need to contact [Mr. Bernie Dolan](#) or [Dr. Cindy Daniel](#) at the WVSSAC.

All applicants who have applied or will apply for an authorization that will be effective on or after July 1, 2021, will need to provide county verification of having completed the required training.

The WVDE will not require a certificate or proof of completion other than a statement from the authorized county official verifying the applicant has completed the training and that the training covers the duration of the coaching/athletic/sports assignment. This will be provided either as an attached statement to the application or once the Office of Certification updates the electronic application process, the question will be incorporated within the online application and no separate statement will be needed. The Office of Certification will inform all counties once the application has been updated. For questions, please contact [Jamea Brinckman](#) or call the Office of Certification at 304-558-7010.