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TSA Grants Temporary Exemption for Security Threat Assessments for HAZMAT Holders

The United States Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has granted a temporary exemption from requirements regarding the expiration of TSA security threat assessments for Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME) holders ([49 CFR 1572](#)). For the duration of this exemption, a state may grant an extension of up to 180 days for an HME that expired or would otherwise expire between March 1, 2020 and the end date of this exemption (currently through July 31, 2020), even if the individual was unable to initiate or complete the required security threat assessment before the expiration date. If the state grants an extension, the individual with an expired HME must initiate the process of renewing his or her security threat assessment for an HME no later than 60 days before the end of the state-granted extension.

This exemption becomes effective on **April 2, 2020** and remains in effect through **July 31, 2020**, unless otherwise modified by TSA through a notice published in the Federal Register. TSA may extend this exemption at a future date depending on the status of the COVID-19 crisis. [Read the full TSA exemption here.](#)

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