

## National Certification Expiration and Reinstatement

As part of the goal set by the LSC Officials Chairs in 2008 to simplify the national certification process, the process for handling certification expirations was changed. The development of the on-line certification card has helped facilitate these changes as well.

The following provides an outline of how certifications expire and how they can be reinstated.

- When National Certification in a certain position is not extended by completion of the re-certification requirements it will be left as “expired” and not “downgraded” to a lower level. The position and level that expires will not show on the National Certification card (although the official can see his or her certification history on the web site).
- For up to 3 years after a position certification has expired, the official may reinstate that certification by completing all of the re-certification requirements for the position and level.

This change accomplishes the following:

- Continues the simplification of the program - you either have a national certification that is active or you don't;
  - Eliminates the need to monitor the expirations of all the N2 and N3 officials to determine if they should be "downgraded" and when;
  - Eliminates the hurdle of being able to retain national certification without starting over from the beginning for a significant period of time but retains the requirements of participation, training and evaluation in order to maintain or re-establish the appropriate certification.
- **For lapses over three years** - In order to reinstate a certification for any position that is expired more than three years the official will be required to complete the full advancement process for that position and level. Reinstatement under this circumstance will require satisfactory N2 or N3 Stroke and Turn Judge advancement evaluation (if Stroke and Turn Judge certification has also lapsed) before N2 or N3 initial or final advancement evaluations for each of any other lapsed positions can be given.