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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Extension of Exception to Policy Allowing the Temporary Acceptance of Expired Department of Defense Credentials during the COVID-19 National Emergency

References: (a) Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security Memorandum, "Exception to Policy Allowing the Temporary Acceptance of Expired Department of Defense Credentials during the COVID-19 National Emergency," April 16, 2020
(b) Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security Memorandum, "Extension of Exception to Policy Allowing the Temporary Acceptance of Expired Department of Defense Credentials during the COVID-19 National Emergency," August 18, 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security granted an exception to policy permitting, in part, the temporary acceptance of expired Uniformed Services Identification (USID) Cards for physical access to Department of Defense (DoD) installations (reference (a)). Reference (a) expressly delegates to the undersigned authority to grant extensions, if necessary, while the national emergency concerning the coronavirus remains in effect. Accordingly, reference (b) extended the acceptance of an expired USID for access to DoD installations until March 30, 2021. This memorandum further extends that exception for expired USIDs until June 30, 2021. In accordance with reference (a), the printed expiration date on a qualifying USID must be January 1, 2020, or later, and the USID must be verified successfully using an electronic physical access control system.

The portions of reference (a) authorizing acceptance of expired common access cards (CACs), as distinct from USIDs, and authorizing facility or building access, as distinct from installation access, with expired credentials of any kind are no longer in effect.

The Department is committed to the safety and security of our facilities, personnel, and beneficiaries. For questions related to issuance or replacement of credentials, including expired credentials, please contact dodhra.mc-alex.dmdc.mbx.dod-id-card-policy@mail.mil. For more information on credential issuance and replacement or to schedule an appointment, please visit <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus> or the Defense Manpower Data Center ID Card Office online (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>). For questions related to physical access, my point of contact is Mr. Josh Freedman at joshua.a.freedman.civ@mail.mil or (703) 692-3724.

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