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Dear Coaches & Instructors,

We are very excited to see many dropzones across the country opening with modified operations. With opening comes the need for current instructors and coaches, and we are all uncurrent.

The CSPA system is built on self-management by jumpers and ratings holders, so we must all be aware of what we are ready to do competently, and where we are not ready yet. Instructors in particular have a duty of care to students.

Ratings currency and revalidation

For those with certified ratings, there are two types of currency to think about: technical ratings currency (on paper), and actual currency.

It is entirely likely that we will be faced with situations where coaches and instructors needed just a few more contacts or jumps after last season to maintain their ratings currency, and were unable to get them before their affiliation expired. There are three scenarios that may apply to you:

1. If your currency requirements were completed last season, there is no change to the process. Complete the rating validation form and have it signed by a SSE. Submit to CSPA at the time of renewal of your affiliation.
2. If you were unable to maintain any significant currency in the prior year, there is also no change to the process. You are not current, and you should follow the revalidation steps outlined on the CSPA [website](#) for revalidations 1 to under 5 years. The process is not difficult and is outlined on the revalidation form, the CSPA [website](#) and in PIM 1. In many cases, the revalidation consists of only one or two supervised contacts, which may be a good idea anyway if you are a newer coach or instructor.
3. Due to the limitations facing all of us, a modified ratings validation will be permitted this year with 60% of currency requirements achieved. A temporary revised ratings form is on the CSPA [website](#). Please use that new form for 2020 validations.

This is not necessarily the requirement going forward. We don't know yet how this season will go! This revalidation form is for renewals until Dec 31, 2020 only. We will establish modified 2021 renewal requirements if needed.

Please remember that ratings renewals are not an all-or-nothing affair. It is possible to renew some but not all ratings, depending on your currency and interest.



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Currency and modified procedures

Please remember that our personal skills are not sharp, and that we owe it to our students and novices to get personally current before taking on the responsibilities of a coach or instructor. Two or three jumps after 8 months off will not be enough.

At a minimum, we suggest that you complete enough personal jumps first to work out your own routines related to the DZ's modified procedures. Think of it as adding a new piece of equipment: we need to sort out our own processes first, so that we aren't distracted when we need to look after our students and novices. Think about how we can teach and coach on the ground effectively from 2m away, and how we will convey our feedback while wearing a mask.

Please contact cwc@cspa.ca with any questions or comments about the modified currency requirements.