

## **Timeline of Presidential Action on Title 32 for National Guard COVID-19 Response**

*Information as of November 9, 2021*

### **Trump Administration**

On March 19, the Council of Governors sent a [letter](#) to the President requesting the authorization of Title 32 for the use of National Guard in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 22, President Trump issued a [Memorandum](#) directing the Secretary of Defense to allow the states of California, New York and Washington use of the National Guard in a Title 32 status to support state and local emergency assistance efforts.

On March 28, the President issued a second [Memorandum](#) providing federal support for Governors' use of the National Guard to respond to COVID-19 for Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, and New Jersey and the territories of Guam and Puerto Rico.

On March 29, the President issued a third [Memorandum](#) providing federal support for Governors' use of the National Guard to respond to COVID-19 for Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

On April 2, the President issued a fourth [Memorandum](#) providing federal support for Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Texas and the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

On April 7, the President issued a fifth [Memorandum](#), providing federal support for Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

- **Note** – The April 7 Memorandum modifies all previous Memoranda to extend the duration of the 100 percent cost share for 31 days or fewer (previously 30 days). Additionally, all states approved to date must put their respective Guard forces on Title 32 orders within 2 weeks (April 21).

On April 13, the President issued a sixth [Memorandum](#) providing federal support for Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Vermont. The memo also includes the requirement for guard members to be put on orders within 2 weeks, the same as the April 7 memo.

On April 20, the President issued a seventh [Memorandum](#) providing federal support for Alaska, Alabama and Delaware. The Memorandum updates all previously issued to allow for approved states to issue orders of any duration through May 31, 2020.

On April 28, the President issued an eighth [Memorandum](#) providing federal support to North Dakota.

On May 8, the President issued a ninth [Memorandum](#) providing federal support to South Dakota. This Memorandum extends all previous authorizations until June 24, 2020 and allowed for duty necessary to comply with health protection protocols recommended by the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention or other health protection measures agreed to by FEMA and the Department of Defense (as in member quarantine/isolation needs).

On May 20, the President issued a tenth [Memorandum](#) providing federal support to Utah through June 24.

On June 2, the President issued an eleventh [Memorandum](#) extending authorization of Title 32 for the National Guard to COVID-19 and facilitate economic recovery through August 21. The memo applies to all previously authorized states. The memo notes “the orders include necessary to comply with health protection protocols,” therefore requiring any isolation or quarantine of guard members must take place prior to August 21.

This brings the total 47 states and 3 territories approved as of June 2, 2020.

On August 3, the President issued a twelfth [Memorandum](#) extending Title 32 authorization until December 31, 2020. The Memorandum also drops the FEMA cost share from 100 percent to 75 percent.

President signed a thirteenth and fourteenth Memoranda for [Texas](#) and [Florida](#) which maintains FEMA cost share to 100 for those states.

On August 7, the President issued three more Memoranda, updating cost share to 100 percent through September 30 for [Arizona](#), [California](#) and [Connecticut](#).

On August 29, the President issued a nineteenth Memorandum, updating cost share to 100 percent through September 30 for [Louisiana](#).

On December 3, the President issued his [twentieth Memorandum](#) to extend Title 32 through March 31, 2020. The memorandum expands authorization to Idaho and Minnesota and maintains the 25 percent state/territory cost share requirement.

- The President also issued a [separate memo for Iowa](#), retroactively granting a 100 percent cost share from August 3 through December 31, 2020. The memo issues extension for Iowa at 25 percent cost share from January 1 through March 31, 2021.

## **Biden Administration**

On January 21, 2021, President Biden issued a [Presidential Memorandum](#) to provide 100 percent federal cost share for the use of Title 32 for the National Guard and extended authorization until September 30, 2021. On February 2, the Administration [clarified](#) that this would be [retroactive](#).

On August 17, 2021, President Biden issued a [Presidential Memorandum](#) to extend the use of Title 32 at 100 percent federal cost share for the National Guard’s COVID-19 mission through December 31, 2021. Additional fact sheet can be found [here](#).

On November 9, 2021, President Biden issued a [Presidential Memorandum](#) to extend the use of Title 32 at 100 percent federal cost share for the National Guard’s COVID-19 mission through April 1, 2022.

