

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	NOTE: A total of 72 hours of continuing education is required to recertify.	
1. Refresher (24 hours)	The EMT refresher course can be completed through two different options: (1) Traditional refresher course* Completion of a state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved 24 hour EMT refresher course. *A maximum of 10 hours can be applied from Distributive Education (online, CECBEMS F3, video, or magazine-based) towards this section and must be state or CECBEMS approved. **Some states require the traditional refresher course and will not accept continuing education hours. Please refer to your state's particular requirements.	
	Topics	Hours Required
	Preparatory	1 hour
	Airway	2 hours
	OB, Infants and Children	2 hours
	Patient Assessment	3 hours
	Medical/Behavioral	4 hours
	Trauma	4 hours
	Elective	8 hours
	TOTAL	24 hours
2. Additional EMS-Related Continuing Education (48 hours)	All additional EMS-related continuing education must be state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3†, F5) approved.† The following are maximum hours per course that can be applied towards Additional Continuing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of 24 hours can be applied from any one topic area Hour-for-hour credit can be applied for standardized courses (including, but not limited to, ABLIS, ACLS, AMLS, EMPACT, EPC, ITLS, PHTLS, PALS, PEPP, etc.) 	
	• A maximum of 12 hours can be applied from each of the following courses: Teaching BLS-CPR - Emergency Driving - Dispatch Training • Credit can be applied for college courses that relate to your role as an EMS professional (1 college credit = 8 hours of continuing education, not to exceed 24 hours per topic). For example, but not limited to anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, pharmacology, psychology, sociology, etc.	
	† A maximum of 24 hours can be applied from Distributive Education (online, CECBEMS F3, video, or magazine-based)	
3. CPR Certification	Submission of a current BLS-CPR for the Healthcare Provider or equivalent credential that is current on March 31, 2016.	

To obtain locations for continuing education, contact your state EMS office or local EMS training center.

Hours from the following courses can be applied hour for hour with no maximum: ATLS, EMS Course Instruction, and Wilderness EMS

Courses that **cannot** be applied towards continuing education include: Clinical rotations, BLS-CPR, Emergency Medical Responder course, instructor courses, management/leadership courses, performance of duty, preceptor hours, serving as a skill examiner, and volunteer time with agencies



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Thank you for your commitment to recertification. National EMS Certification gives you recognized credibility across the nation and demonstrates your desire to serve the public with the highest standards. Your certification will continue to serve you well during the course of your EMS career.

To Apply for Recertification You Must:

1. Be actively using your EMT skills within a patient care setting.
NOTE: If you are not currently using your EMT skills in a patient care setting, but meet all other recertification requirements, you may request [Inactive Status](#). For more information, please review the [Inactive Status Policy](#).
2. Demonstrate continued cognitive competency by:
Recertification by Examination
or
Documentation of Continuing Education
3. Maintain skills as verified by your Training Officer/ Supervisor (requires a signature or electronic signature on your recertification application validating competency of skills).
4. Have a BLS-CPR for the Healthcare Provider or equivalent credential that is current on March 31, 2016. For paper applications, verification may be in the form of an instructor's signature on the recertification application or a copy of both sides of the card.
5. Successfully complete a state-approved EMT-Basic to EMT transition course by March 31, 2016.
6. Submit your completed recertification application by March 31, 2016.

EMT-B to EMT Transition

Please note if you are an EMT-B this is your last year to complete the transition to EMT. You may either take a state-approved transition course or use the recertification by exam option to fulfill the EMT-B to EMT transition requirements. Upon approval of your recertification application, if you have not completed the transition requirement by March 31, 2016, you will receive an EMR certification card after April 1, 2016.

Demonstration of Cognitive Competency Options(2)

1. Recertification by Examination

OR

2. Documentation of Continuing Education

- Electronically: log in to your NREMT account and fill out your electronic recertification application

OR

- Paper: print a recertification form from the NREMT website and mail it to the NREMT. *Effective 10/1/15: all paper recertification applications will require an additional \$5.00 paper processing fee in addition to your \$15.00 recertification fee.*

Recertification by Examination Option

This option enables you to demonstrate continued cognitive competency without documenting continuing education.

- Login to your NREMT account. Complete a recertification by examination application and pay the exam fee. **NOTE:** Be sure you complete the recertification application and **not** the initial entry application. After 24-48 hours, login to your NREMT account and print your Authorization to Test (ATT) letter. Follow the directions in the letter to schedule your exam.
- You may make one attempt to take and pass the exam between **October 1 and March 31, 2016**. A cognitive competency by exam form will become available through your NREMT account upon successful completion of the exam.
- Return your completed cognitive competency by exam form by **March 31, 2016** with signatures and supporting documentation.

All other recertification requirements (including criminal conviction statement, BLS-CPR for the Healthcare Provider or equivalent credential, verification of skills, etc.) must still be met and verified.

Continuing Education Option

- Complete a total of 72 hours of continuing education including:
 - A state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved 24 hour EMT refresher or equivalent state or CECBEMS approved continuing education.
 - 48 hours of additional state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved EMS-related continuing education.
- Pay the \$15 (US funds only) non-refundable processing fee at the time of submission of application. *Effective 10/1/15: all paper recertification applications will require an additional \$5.00 paper processing fee in addition to your \$15.00 recertification fee.*

All continuing education hours, to include the refresher, must be completed within the current certification cycle. Education completed during your previous certification cycle will NOT be accepted. If this is your first time to recertify, only education completed after the date you became nationally certified will be accepted.

**See chart on page 1 of this brochure for detailed continuing education requirements and allowances regarding distributive education.*

Reinstatement

If you fail to submit your application by March 31, 2016 deadline and all educational requirements have been completed, you may seek reinstatement of your National EMS Certification until April 30, 2016 for a \$50 reinstatement fee in addition to your \$15 processing fee (\$65 total). Effective 10/1/15: all paper recertification applications will require an additional \$5.00 paper processing fee in addition to your recertification and reinstatement fees.

Lapsed Certification

If your National Certification lapsed, please review the [Lapsed Certification & Re-Entry Policies](#).

Terms of Recertification

In applying for recertification registrants agree to comply with all recertification requirements, rules and standards of the NREMT. The registrant bears the burden of demonstrating and maintaining compliance at all times. The NREMT considers individuals to be solely responsible for their certification.

Individuals must notify the NREMT within 30 days of change of mailing address. Change of mailing address can be made via our website: www.nremt.org

Individuals must notify the NREMT within 30 days of any criminal arrests.

Individuals must notify the NREMT within 30 days of any disciplinary action taken by any state that has resulted in the following:

- Suspension, revocation or probation of state license or certification
- Voluntary surrender of state license or certification while under investigation.

Disciplinary Policy/Revocation of Certification

The NREMT has disciplinary procedures, rights of appeals and due process within its policies. Individuals applying for certification or recertification who wish to exercise these rights may consult the [Eligibility, Disciplinary and Appeal Policies](#).

Audits

The NREMT reserves the right to investigate recertification material at any time. You must retain verification of attendance of all education submitted. Failure to submit documentation when audited will result in denial of eligibility to recertify.

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