

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) REFRESHER 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, ABLS, ACLS, AMLS, EMPACT, EPC, ITLS, PHTLS, PALS, PEPP, 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 CPR-BLS for Healthcare Providers or equivalent credential. Verification may be in the form of an instructor's	

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, 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



Nationally Registered EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (NREMT)

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR NATIONAL EMS CERTIFICATION

2014-2015 Recertification Requirements

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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.

If your employer requires you to maintain National EMS Certification, you must submit your recertification materials to the NREMT by February 15th of the year your certification expires.

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. If you wish to request Inactive Status and this is your first time to recertify, you must provide documentation that you have worked in a patient care setting using your EMT skills for at least 6 months.

2. Demonstrate continued cognitive competency 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 your March 31 expiration date. 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. Submit your completed recertification application prior to March 31 of the year your certification expires.

Demonstration of Cognitive Competency Options(2)

Once you have completed the continuing education requirements outlined in this brochure, you may recertify in the following ways:

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.

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.
- Take and pass the exam between October 1 and March 31 of the year your certification expires. You may make one attempt in the last six (6) months of your certification cycle to demonstrate continued cognitive competency by taking an exam in lieu of documenting continuing education. An abbreviated recertification application will become available through your NREMT account upon successful completion of the exam.
- Return your completed abbreviated recertification application by March 31 of the year your certification expires with signatures and supporting documentation.

All other recertification requirements (including felony statement, CPR, active affiliation/practice, 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.

All continuing education hours, to include the refresher, must be completed within the current certification cycle. Education completed prior to your previous March 31 expiration date 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 reverse side of this brochure for detailed continuing education requirements.*

Reinstatement

If you fail to submit your application by your March 31 deadline you may seek reinstatement of your National EMS Certification until April 30 of your expiration year for a \$50 reinstatement fee in addition to your \$15 processing fee (\$65 total).

Note: All educational requirements must have been completed by March 31.

Lapsed Certification

If your National Certification lapsed within a two-year period or you are currently state-licensed as an EMT, you can obtain National EMS Certification by completing a state-approved refresher course and successfully completing the cognitive and psychomotor examinations. If your National EMS Certification lapsed beyond a two-year period and your state license has also expired, you must apply to re-enter the National Registry via the EMT Re-Entry Policy (available at www.nremt.org).

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 felony convictions

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 (available at www.nremt.org). Requests to appeal must be submitted electronically within forty-five (45) days of receipt of notice of determination.

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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