Intent
This policy specifies the situations which may lead to action against a certification.

Scope
This policy specifies potential causes of disciplinary action but does not cover the procedures used in disciplinary action.

Policy
The NREMT may, in its sole discretion, deny an individual's eligibility for initial certification or recertification, deny, suspend or revoke an individual's certification or take any other appropriate disciplinary action with respect to an individual’s application, certification and/or recertification or deny authorization to use the NREMT’s website for any and all purposes, including submitting applicant training information in the case of:

1. Ineligibility for NREMT certification.
2. Failure to comply with any policy or rule of the NREMT, including, but not limited to, NREMT’s website Terms of Use Policy.
3. Irregular behavior in connection with any NREMT examination.
4. The intentional and material misrepresentation, withholding of any material information or the failure to provide NREMT updated information on any application for certification or recertification or in any other representation or communication to the NREMT.
5. The intentional misrepresentation by a trainer of any applicant’s satisfaction of the training requirements for certification.
6. Misrepresentation of the individual's status as a registrant of the NREMT.
7. The conviction of, plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or any criminal offense which is directly related to public health or the provision of emergency medical service in accordance with the NREMT’s Criminal Conviction Policy.
8. Limitation, suspension, revocation or other disciplinary action by a licensing or authorizing agency relating to practice, or the ability to practice safely and effectively, as an EMS professional or the voluntary surrender of a licensee in connection with or in lieu of any such disciplinary action. The NREMT reserves the right summarily to suspend an individual’s certification, prior to the exhaustion of any right of appeal, upon the revocation or summary or emergency suspension of the individual’s license by a
licensing or authorizing agency based on the agency’s finding that the individual poses an imminent threat to the public and/or cannot practice safely and effectively.

9. Copying, reproducing, disclosing, disseminating or removing of examination-related materials from the test site, attempting to do same or solicit the same.

Rationale

EMS professionals, under the authority of their state licensure, have unsupervised, intimate, physical and emotional contact with patients at a time of maximum physical and emotional vulnerability, as well as unsupervised access to a patient’s personal property. These patients may be unable to defend or protect themselves, voice objections to particular actions, or provide accurate accounts of events at a later time. EMS professionals, therefore, are placed in a position of the highest public trust. The public, in need of out-of-hospital medical services, relies on state licensure and national certification to assure that those EMS professionals who respond to their calls for aid qualify for this extraordinary trust.

Related Policies and Procedures

51.01 - Terms of Certification
51.05 - Criminal Conviction Policy
61.15 - Irregular Examination Behavior
14.01 - Terms of Use

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