# Advanced EMT (AEMT) Recertification Requirements

## Refresher Requirements
You may complete state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved continuing education equivalent to a Refresher Course if one is not required by your state. You may count education received in lectures, standardized courses (such as ABLS, ACLS, EMPACT, PEPP, PALS, PHTLS, ITLS, etc.), college courses, in-service training, case reviews, conferences, etc.

You must ensure that you cover every topic within the four divisions of the mandatory core content. You must also cover each of the five divisions of the flexible core content; however, you are not required to cover each topic within the flexible core content.

* Up to 10 hours may be completed through Distributive Education (online, CECBEMS F3 video, magazine-based).

## Mandatory Core Content
### Airway, Breathing and Cardiology
6 hours
- Provide ventilatory support for a patient
- Attempt to resuscitate a patient in cardiac arrest
- Provide care to a patient who is experiencing cardiovascular compromise
- Provide post-resuscitation care for a cardiac arrest patient

### Medical Emergencies
2 hours
- Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing an allergic reaction
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has a possible overdose
- Assess and provide care to a drowning patient

### Trauma
4 hours
- Perform a primary survey
- Assess a patient who has a head injury
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has a suspected spinal injury
- Provide care to a patient who has a chest injury
- Provide care to a patient who has an open abdominal injury
- Provide care to a patient who has shock/hypoperfusion

### Obstetrics and Pediatrics
6 hours
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child in cardiac arrest
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has respiratory distress
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has shock/hypoperfusion
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has trauma

### 18 hours

## Flexible Core Content
### Airway, Breathing and Cardiology
6 hours
- Assess and provide care for an adult patient who has respiratory distress
- Use oxygen delivery system components
- Perform techniques to ensure a patent airway
- Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing non-traumatic chest pain/discomfort

### Medical Emergencies
4 hours
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has altered mental status
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has a history of diabetes
- Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing a seizure
- Assess and provide care to a patient who was exposed to heat or cold
- Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing a behavioral problem
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has a suspected communicable disease

### Trauma
1 hour
- Provide care to a patient who has a painful, swollen, deformed extremity
- Assess and provide care to a patient who has a burn injury

### Obstetrics and Pediatrics
6 hours
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has suspected non-accidental trauma or neglect
- Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has a fever
- Assess and provide care to an obstetric patient
- Provide care to a newborn
- Provide care to a mother immediately following delivery of a newborn

### Operational Tasks
1 hour
- Use body mechanics when lifting and moving a patient
- Communicate with a patient while providing care

### 18 hours

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2015-2016 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 continued service to the public with the highest standards. Your certification will continue to serve you well during the course of your EMS career.

Recertification by Examination Option

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

1. To 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.
2. 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 be available through your NREMT account once a successful completion of the exam.
3. 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.

Recertification by Examination Option

To Apply for Recertification You Must:

1. Be actively using your AEMT skills within a patient care setting.

Note: If you are not currently using your AEMT 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 physician Medical Director (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. Submit your completed recertification application by March 31, 2016.

Demonstration of Cognitive Competency Options(2)

1. Recertification by Examination OR

   - Electronically: login 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.

2. Documentation of Continuing Education

   - Complete a total of 72 hours of continuing education including:
     - A state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved 36 hour AEMT refresher or equivalent state or CECBEMS approved continuing education.
     - 36 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 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 within a two-year period, please review the Lapsed Certification Policy.

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 at 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.

Revisions

The following are maximum hours per course that can be applied towards this section and must be state or CECBEMS approved.

Options

1. Refresher

   (36 hours)

   - Traditional refresher course

   - Completion of a state or CECBEMS approved continuing education course.

   - All additional EMS-related continuing education must be state or CECBEMS approved. 36 hour AEMT refresher course.

2. Additional EMS-Related Continuing Education

   (36 hours)

   - All additional EMS-related continuing education must be state or CECBEMS approved.

   - A maximum of 12 hours can be applied from the following courses: Teaching BLS-CPR - Emergency Driving - Dispatcher 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 18 hours per topic). For example, but not limited to anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, pharmacology, psychology, sociology, etc.

   - A maximum of 18 hours can be applied from the following courses: ATLS, EMS Course Instruction, and Wilderness EMS

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<td>A maximum of 12 hours can be applied from each of the following courses: Teaching BLS-CPR - Emergency Driving - Dispatcher Training</td>
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CPR Certification

Submission of a BLS-CPR for Healthcare Providers or equivalent credential that is current on March 31, 2016.

**Please review the Audits section for more information.**