EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) RECERTIFICATION 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.

(2) Continuing education topic hours**
The EMT refresher may be completed by state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3*, F5) approved continuing education.*

*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.

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<th>Topics</th>
<th>Hours</th>
<th>Required</th>
<th>Accepted Courses</th>
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<tr>
<td>Preparatory</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
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<td>Roles and Responsibilities, Well-being of the Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Direction, Quality Improvement, Personal Protection, Scene Safety, Medical/Legal, Human Anatomy, Lifting and Moving</td>
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<td>Airway</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
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<td>Basic Airway Management, Oxygen Delivery Systems and Techniques, Oxygen Therapy, Adjuncts</td>
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<td>OB, Infants and Children</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
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<td>Obstetrical Emergencies, Gynecological Emergencies, Childbirth and Complications, Care of the Newborn, Assessing the Pediatric Patient, Medical Emergencies in Pediatric Patients, Airway Management in Pediatric Patients, Trauma Emergencies and Care in Pediatric Patients</td>
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<td>Patient Assessment</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
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<td>Scene Size-up, Primary Survey, Vital Signs and History Taking, Assessment of Trauma Patients, Assessment of Medical Patients, Secondary Assessment, Communications, Documentation</td>
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<td>Medical/Behavioral</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
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<td>General Pharmacology, Respiratory Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Acute Abdominal Emergencies, Diabetic Emergencies, Allergic Reactions, Poisoning and Overdose, Behavioral Emergencies</td>
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<td>Trauma</td>
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<td>Management of Shock, Bleeding/Wounds, Soft Tissue Injuries, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Chest Trauma, Injuries to Head and Spine, Burns</td>
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<td>Elective</td>
<td>8 hours</td>
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<td>Emergency Driving, HAZMAT, Ambulance Operations, Incident Command System</td>
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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:

- 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 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.
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
   - 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.


**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 EMT certification card after April 1, 2016.

**Demonstration of Cognitive Competency Options (2)**

1. **Recertification by Examination**

2. **Documentation of Continuing Education**

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

   - 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.**

**Disciplinary and Appeal Policies**

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

**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.

**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.