

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMR) REFRESHER REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	NOTE: A total of 12 hours of continuing education is required to recertify.		
1. Refresher (12 hours)	The EMR refresher course can be completed through two different options:		
	(1) Traditional refresher course Completion of a State or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F5) approved 12 hour EMR refresher course.*	(2) Continuing education topic hours The EMR refresher may be completed by continuing education.**	
	<i>*A maximum of 6 hours can be applied from Distributive Education (online, CECBEMS F3, video, or magazine-based) towards this section and must be State or CECBEMS approved.</i>		
	<i>**Some states require the traditional refresher course and will not accept continuing education hours. Please refer to your state's particular requirements.</i>		
	Topics	Hours Required	Suggested Courses
	Preparatory	1 hour	Roles and Responsibilities , Well-Being of the EMR, Quality Improvement, Personal Protection, Scene Safety, Medical/Legal, Human Anatomy, Lifting and Moving
	Airway	2 hours	Basic Airway Management, Oxygen Delivery Systems and Techniques, Oxygen Therapy, Adjuncts
	Patient Assessment	2 hours	Scene Size-Up, Initial Assessment, Vital Signs, History Taking, Assessment of Trauma Patients, Assessment of Medical Patients, Ongoing Assessment
	Circulation	3 hours	Management of Shock, Cardiac Emergencies, Bleeding/Wounds/ Shock, Arrest Management
Illness & Injury	3 hours	General Pharmacology, Respiratory Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Acute Abdominal Emergencies, Diabetic Emergencies, Allergic Reactions, Poisoning and Overdose, Behavioral Emergencies, Soft-Tissue Injuries, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Injuries to the Head and Spine,	
Childbirth & Children	1 hour	Obstetrical Emergencies, Gynecological Emergencies, Childbirth and Complications, Care of the Newborn, Assessing the Pediatric Patient , Pediatric Medical Emergencies, Pediatric Airway Management, Pediatric Trauma	
	TOTAL	12 hours	
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 signature or a copy of both sides of the card.		
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, instructor courses, management/ leadership courses, performance of duty, preceptor hours, serving as a skill examiner, and volunteer time with agencies	



Nationally Registered EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (NREMR)

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR NATIONAL EMS CERTIFICATION

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 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 EMR skills within a patient care setting.
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 September 30, 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 September 30, 2016.

First Responder to EMR Transition

Please note if you are a First Responder this is your last year to complete the transition to EMR. You may either take a state-approved transition course or use the recertification by exam option to fulfill the First Responder to EMR transition requirements. If you have not completed the approved transition requirement by September 30, 2016 your certification will lapse.

Demonstration of Cognitive Competency Options(2)

1. Recertification by Examination

OR

2. Documentation of Continuing Education

- 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 \$10.00 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 April 1 and September 30, 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 September 30, 2016 with signatures and supporting documentation.

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

Continuing Education Option

- Complete a total of 12 hours of continuing education including:
 - A state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3* F5) approved 12 hour EMR refresher or equivalent continuing education.
- Pay the \$10 (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 \$10.00 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.*

Lapsed Certification

If your National Certification lapsed please review the [Lapsed Certification Policy](#).

Reinstatement

If you fail to submit your application by September 30, 2016 deadline and all educational requirements have been completed, you may seek reinstatement of your National EMS Certification until October 31, 2016 for a \$50 reinstatement fee in addition to your \$10 processing fee (\$60 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.*

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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