

## Intent

The intent of this policy is to specify the circumstances under which reconsideration of eligibility or reinstatement of certification is allowed.

## Scope

This policy specifies circumstances in which reconsideration may be made but does not cover the procedures used in disciplinary action.

## Policy

An individual's certification may be reconsidered for eligibility after revocation upon submission of a new application for certification only on the following basis:

1. The individual satisfies all eligibility requirements for certification in effect as of the request for reinstatement.
2. In the event of a felony conviction or conviction for a crime directly related to public health or the provision of emergency medical service, no earlier than one (1) year from the exhaustion of appeals, release from confinement or reinstatement of license, whichever is later.
3. In any other event, no earlier than one (1) year from the final decision of ineligibility for or revocation of certification.
4. In addition to other information required for application, an individual seeking reinstatement must fully set forth the circumstances of the decision denying eligibility or revoking certification as well as all facts and circumstances relevant to the application occurring after the decision. Where eligibility is denied because of felony conviction, the individual bears the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that the individual has been rehabilitated and does not pose a danger to others.

## 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.

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**Related Policies and Procedures**

- 51.06 - Appeals Policy
- 51.01 - Terms of Certification
- 51.05 - Criminal Conviction Policy
- 51.07 - Code of Conduct

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