



EMT CERTIFICATION

I. PURPOSE

To define requirements for certification/recertification of an eligible applicant as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) recognized in the State of California.

II. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for initial certification, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

1. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
2. Complete a criminal record clearance by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Refer to ICEMA Reference #1090 - Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan) prior to application for certification.
3. Meet one of the following criteria:
 - a. Pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) - EMT written and skills examination, possess a current and valid NREMT - EMT card and documentation of successful completion of an initial EMT course (California or out-of-state) within the last two (2) years.
 - b. Pass the NREMT - EMT written and skills examination and possess a current and valid out-of state EMT certification card.
 - c. Possess a current and valid NREMT - EMT certification card.
 - d. Possess a current and valid California EMT - Paramedic (EMT-P) license or Advanced EMT (AEMT) or EMT-II certificate. Applicants with licenses and/or certifications under suspension are not eligible.
 - e. Possess a current and valid out-of-state or NREMT - EMT Intermediate or paramedic certification card.

NOTE: *An EMT shall only be certified by one (1) certifying entity during a certification period.*

III. PROCEDURES

Initial Certification

1. Submit a completed online application using the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net>, that includes:
 - a. A copy of a valid government issued photo identification.
 - b. A copy of a valid American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card or equivalent. Online course is acceptable with written documentation of skills portion.
 - c. A copy of completed Live Scan form.
 - d. A copy of a valid NREMT - EMT card.
 - e. Confirmation the applicant is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
 - f. Disclosure of any certification or licensure action taken against any health related certification or license, i.e. EMT, Advanced EMT (AEMT), EMT-II or paramedic (EMT-P). This includes any denial of certification by a local EMS agency (LEMSA), or in the case of an EMT-P, licensure denial/action by the State EMS Authority (EMSA), active investigations and actions taken in other states.
2. Submit the established ICEMA and State EMSA fee. Fees paid for certification are not refundable or transferable. ICEMA fees are published on the ICEMA website at <http://ICEMA.net>.
3. The EMT shall be responsible for notifying ICEMA of any and all changes in name, employer, email and/or mailing address within thirty (30) calendar days of change. This notification/change may be made through the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net>.
4. The EMT shall be responsible for notifying ICEMA of any and all subsequent arrests and/or convictions, during the certification period.
5. Comply with other requirements as may be set forth herein.

Effective Dates

1. Applicants meeting requirements above in Section II, Item 3.a:

The effective date of certification shall be the date the card is issued. The expiration date shall be the last day of the month two (2) years from the effective date.

2. Applicants meeting requirements above in Section II, Item 3.b - e:

The effective date of certification shall be the date the card is issued. The expiration date shall be the lesser of the following:

- a. The last day of the month two (2) years from the effective date of the initial certification, or
- b. The expiration date of the certificate or license used to establish eligibility.

Recertification

To recertify as an EMT, an applicant shall:

1. Possess a current EMT certification issued in California.
2. Submit a completed online application using the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net>, that includes:
 - a. Copy of a valid government issued photo identification.
 - b. Copy of valid EMT certificate issued in California, unless certified by ICEMA.
 - c. Copy of a valid American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR card or equivalent. Online course is acceptable with written documentation of skills portion.
 - d. Copy of completed skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (08/10).

Skills competency shall be verified by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact. Competency shall be verified by an applicant who is currently certified or licensed as an EMT, AEMT, EMT-P, Registered Nurse, Physician's Assistant, or Physician approved by ICEMA. Verification of skills competency shall be

valid for a maximum of two (2) years for the purpose of applying for recertification.

- e. Proof of at least twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education (CE) provider or complete a twenty-four hour refresher course from an approved EMT training program.
 - f. Confirmation the applicant is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in the California Health and Safety Code, Section 1798.200.
 - g. Disclosure of any certification or licensure action taken against any health related certificate or license, i.e., EMT, AEMT, EMT-II certificate or EMT-P license. This includes any denial of certification by a LEMSA, or in the case of an EMT-P, licensure denial/action by the EMSA, active investigations and actions taken in other states.
3. If required, complete a criminal record clearance by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Refer to ICEMA Reference #1090 - Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan).
 4. Submit the established ICEMA and State EMSA fee. Fees paid for certification are not refundable or transferable. ICEMA fees are published on the ICEMA website at <http://ICEMA.net>.
- NOTE:** *If the applicant is not currently an ICEMA certified EMT, the EMSA will require a new Live Scan for ICEMA and an initial State EMSA fee.*
5. The EMT shall be responsible for notifying ICEMA of any and all changes in name, employer, email and/or mailing address within thirty (30) calendar days of change. This notification/change may be made through the ICEMA EMS Credentialing portal found on the ICEMA website at <http://www.ICEMA.net>.
 6. The EMT shall be responsible for notifying ICEMA of any and all subsequent arrests and/or convictions, during the certification period.
 7. Comply with other requirements as may be set forth herein.

Effective Dates

1. If the EMT recertification requirements are met within six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of recertification shall be the date

immediately following the expiration date of the current certificate. The certification expiration date will be the last day of the month, two (2) years from the effective date.

2. If requirements are met more than six (6) months prior to the expiration date, the effective date of recertification shall be the date the applicant satisfactorily completes all recertification requirements and has applied for certification. The certification expiration date will be the last day of the month two (2) years from the effective date.

EMT Certification with a Lapsed California EMT, AEMT, EMT-II Certification or EMT-P License

The following requirements apply to applicants who wish to be eligible for recertification after their California EMT certificates have expired:

1. Lapse of less than six (6) months:

Complete all requirements in Items 2 - 7 under Recertification above.
2. Lapse of six (6) months or more, but less than twelve (12) months:
 - a. Complete all requirements in Items 2 - 7 under Recertification above.
 - b. Complete an additional twelve (12) hours of CE for a total of thirty-six (36) hours of training.
3. Lapse of twelve (12) months or more, but less than twenty-four (24) months:
 - a. Complete all requirements in Items 2 - 7 under Recertification above.
 - b. Complete an additional twenty-four (24) hours of ICEMA approved CE for a total of forty-eight (48) hours, *and*
 - c. Pass the NREMT - EMT written and skills examination and acquire a NREMT - EMT card.
4. Lapse of twenty-four (24) months or more:
 - a. Complete an entire EMT course, *and*
 - b. Comply with all requirements of Initial Certification as set forth in this policy.

Expiration While Deployed for Active Duty

A California certified EMT who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and whose certification expires while deployed on active duty, or whose certification expires less than six (6) months from the date they return from active duty deployment, with the Armed Forces of the United States, shall have six (6) months from the date they return from active duty deployment to complete requirements for recertification noted above.

In order to qualify for this exception, the applicant shall:

1. Comply with Recertification requirements listed above, except Item 1.
2. Submit proof of membership in the Armed Forces of the United States and documentation of deployment starting and ending dates.
3. Provide documentation of twenty-four (24) hours of CE. Documentation must include proof that CEHs were not obtained more than thirty (30) calendar days prior to effective date of certification prior to activation of duty or greater than six (6) months from the date of deactivation/return from duty.

NOTE: *Applicants whose active duty required the use of EMT skills, may be given CE credit for documented training that meets the requirements of Chapter 11, EMS CE Regulations (Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations) while the applicant was on active duty. The documentation shall include verification from the commanding officer attesting to the classes attended.*

Effective Dates

The effective date of certification shall be the date the card is issued. The expiration date shall be the last day of the month two (2) years from the effective date.

IV. REFERENCES

Number	Name
1090	Criminal History Background Checks (Live Scan)
3030	EMT Continuing Education Requirements