

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**Administrative Requirements Manual**

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A/R Title: Procedures for EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic Certification Based on RN, MD or PA Licensure

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Purpose:

To define the requirements and procedures for an applicant who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician (MD or DO), registered nurse (including nurse practitioner) (RN), or physician assistant (PA) to become certified as an advanced EMT, either an EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic.

EXISTING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

An applicant seeking to become an EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic on the basis of an existing Massachusetts RN, PA, MD or DO license must have a license that is current and in good standing (compliance) with their respective licensing board. The license must be current at the time of application and throughout the process of becoming an EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic.

The applicant must also be currently certified as an EMT-Basic in Massachusetts.

OTHER TRAINING PREREQUISITES:

The applicant must be currently certified in CPR, and if seeking EMT-Paramedic certification, currently certified in AHA ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support). All certifications must be current at the time of application and throughout the process of becoming an EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Intermediate.

The applicant must demonstrate that he or she has successfully completed training in each of the skill areas set forth in the appropriate U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National EMS Core Content areas. Such training should include sufficient experience on live human patients to demonstrate competent performance of the following clinical skills:

EMT-Paramedic:

Patient Assessment – Adult and Pediatric
 Psychiatric Interview
 Obstetrical Delivery
 Endotracheal Intubation (human)
 ILMA/Combitube/EGTA
 Cardiac EKG Recognition/Interpretation

Electrical Therapy
 IV Therapy
 Needle Chest Decompression
 Needle Cricothyroidotomy
 NG/OG

Medications via the following routes: IV Bolus, IV Infusion endotracheal tube, inhalation, injection-intramuscular (IM); Intraosseous (IO) or subcutaneous (SC), nebulized, oral (including sublingual tablets/spray), rectal or transderm/topical routes of administration.

EMT-Intermediate

Patient Assessment – Adult and Pediatric
 Endotracheal Intubation (human)
 IV Therapy
 LMA/Combitube/EGTA
 NG/OG

The applicant must complete a field internship of a minimum of eighty (80) hours on an ambulance operating at the level of service for which advanced EMT certification is sought (Intermediate or Paramedic), for an

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ambulance service licensed at the applicable level of service. The applicant must be precepted by a Massachusetts certified EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Intermediate at the applicable level of service. The candidate must meet the field internship requirements outlined in A/R2-305 Minimum Skill Requirements for EMT-Paramedic Training or A/R 2-306 Minimum Skill Requirements for EMT-Intermediate Training.

DOCUMENTATION OF TRAINING PREREQUISITES:

Submit a copy of the following:

- current Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, registered nurse, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- both sides of current BLS-CPR certificate
- both sides of ACLS certification if challenging the EMT-Paramedic examination.

The skill areas of the DOT National EMS Core Content must be evaluated by a physician who is experienced with the performance of the skills by EMTs. The physician must submit a letter, on official letterhead, attesting to the applicant's competency to perform the following skills on patients:

EMT-Paramedic:

• Patient Assessment – Adult and Pediatric	Electrical Therapy
• Psychiatric Interview	IV Therapy
• Obstetrical Delivery	Needle Chest Decompression
• Endotracheal Intubation (human)	Needle Cricothyroidotomy
• LMA/Combitube/EGTA	NG/OG
• Cardiac EKG Recognition/Interpretation	

Medications via the following routes: IV Bolus, IV Infusion endotracheal tube, inhalation, injection-intramuscular (IM); Intraosseous (IO) or subcutaneous (SC), nebulized, oral (including sublingual tablets/spray), rectal or transderm/topical routes of administration.

EMT-Intermediate

• Patient Assessment – Adult and Pediatric
 • Endotracheal Intubation (human)
 • IV Therapy
 • LMA/Combitube/EGTA
 • NG/OG

If a candidate does not have experience performing one or more of the above listed skills on live human patients they should contact OEMS regarding obtaining experience in those skills.

The candidate must submit documentation of successful completion of a field internship as outlined in A/R 2-305 or A/R 2-306.

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EMT EXAMINATION PROCEDURE FOR APPROVED RN, MD/DO or PA APPLICANTS:

An applicant who meets the requirements of this administrative requirement will be provided with an application for the advanced EMT certification examination at the applicable level.