

EMR Licensing in BC

3 Steps to Obtain a BC EMALB EMR License

- **1. Complete our Canadian Red Cross EMR Course.**
- **2. Schedule and complete BC EMALB EMR Licensing Evaluations.**
 - Arranged and conducted through BC EMALB directly
- **3. Complete and Submit BC EMALB's Online EMR License Application.**

2. BC EMALB EMR LICENSING EVALUATIONS

Your Provincial BC Emergency Medical Assistant's Licensing Branch (EMALB) EMR License is documented proof that you have met the BC EMALB's skill and knowledge qualifications to provide EMR level medical assistance and interventions, in a professional capacity.

- Your Provincial License allows your employer to legally dispatch you to Medical 9-1-1 calls.
- A BC EMALB EMR License is the minimum qualification required to work for BCAS as an Ambulance attendant, although most work at the Primary Care Paramedic level.
- A BC EMALB EMR License is one of the prerequisites for entry into the Paramedic Academy's Primary Care Paramedic Program.

You have one year from EMR course completion to apply for and complete the BC EMALB EMR Licensing Evaluations. Licensing Evaluations are arranged and conducted between you and BC EMALB directly, although you will need to provide proof of EMR certification from your EMR course.

Preparing for and completing the BC EMALB EMR Licensing Evaluation process includes:

- **HAVE YOUR EMR CERTIFICATION RECORD SENT TO BC EMALB**
 - Register online with the CRC at myrc.redcross.ca
 - Print off your EMR Certificate and forward it to the EMALB

Your BC EMALB EMR Licensing Evaluations will include the following:

EMALB WRITTEN Examination

- **OBTAIN AN ONLINE "BCeID"**

- BCeID is an electronic identity verification platform that will allow you to access many of BC EMALB's online services, Patient Contact submission and Continuing Education Credit submission.

- **USE YOUR BCeID TO REQUEST ACCESS TO BC EMALB's ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM**

Access to BC EMALB's online "Moodle" learning platform, is needed to complete the BC EMALB Jurisprudence exam and EMR Written exam .

- It can take up to 2 weeks for your access request to be granted.

- **One BC EMALB Written EMR Knowledge Exam.**

- 100 multiple choice questions.
- Accessed at any internet capable computer terminal, through BC EMALB's Moodle Online Learning Platform
- Exam has a time limit, with the timer starting as soon as you actually begin the exam.
- Must be completed within 6 months of being granted access.
- May be completed before or after Practical Examinations.
- Minimum 80% is required to pass. Results are available immediately upon completion.
- If needed, a second attempt can be accessed 72 hours after the first attempt.
- A third, and final attempt can be accessed 7 days after the second attempt.

TWO EMALB PRACTICAL SCENARIO EXAMINATIONS

- **One Practical BC EMALB EMR "Medical" Scenario Evaluation.**

- Usually one of the scenarios is primarily related to a Medical Condition.
- BC EMALB Practical Scenarios generally involve multiple problems/injuries/conditions, requiring multiple decision points and interventions.
- Successful participants prioritize these decisions and calmly focus on solving one problem at a time, starting with most urgent/life-threatening conditions.

- **One Practical BC EMALB EMR "Trauma" Scenario Evaluation.**

- Usually one of the scenarios is primarily related to a Medical Condition.
- BC EMALB Practical Scenarios generally involve multiple problems/injuries/conditions, requiring multiple decision points and interventions.
- Successful participants prioritize these decisions and calmly focus on solving one problem at a time, starting with most urgent/life-threatening conditions.

BC EMALB Examiners make note of deficiencies, oversights and errors throughout the Scenario, and record them on a "Practical Evaluation Feedback Form". Your Examiner will review the results of your practical examinations, either at the end of each scenario or at the end of the examination session.

- Evaluation Feedback forms should include specific and detailed descriptions of any "deductions" made; and should match the verbal descriptions your Examiner provided.
- If you disagree with any of the deductions, you must check the "Request for Evaluation Review" box on the examination sheet, before signing the bottom.
- If you have requested a review of your Evaluation, you should send a follow up email to getanexam@gov.bc.ca with complete details of your scenario, your performance and the deductions incurred. It is best if you can include the name of your examiner as well.
- Full details surrounding BC EMALB's Practical Examination review and remediation process are contained in BC EMALB's Candidate Guide to Examinations
- You are allowed 3 attempts at successfully passing the BC EMALB Practical EMR Examinations, before being required to attend another EMR training course.

3. BC EMALB EMR LICENCE APPLICATION & MAINTENANCE

Once you have successfully completed your BC EMALB Jurisprudence, Written and Practical EMR Licensing Evaluations, you will need to submit their Online License Application form.

- This is the same form used for First Responder, PCP, ALS and ITT Licence applications ... so you will need to select **"EMR"** from the dropdown list.
- During the application process, you will have the option of uploading a photograph of yourself ... which will be printed on your Licence.
- BC EMALB currently charges \$450 for an initial EMR Licence, and \$50 for EMR Licence Renewal.
 - You can pay this fee as you submit the Licence Application, or pay later.
 - It is important to note that this is a fee for the Licence itself, not for the Evaluations.
 - You do not need to pay the Licensing Fee until after you complete the Licensing Evaluations.
- **COMPLETE & SUBMIT THE BC EMALB ONLINE LICENSE APPLICATION**

After submitting the form, you should receive an automated e-mail confirmation from BC EMALB within a few minutes.

- Keep that e-mail for future reference and confirmation.
- If you have submitted your application successfully and accurately, you should receive your BC EMALB EMR License in the mail, within a few weeks.

Continuing Competence Requirements

BC EMALB EMR Licences are valid for up to 5 years, contingent upon annual submission of yearly Continuing Competence requirements, involving Patient Contacts and Continuing Education Credits.

- Yearly Patient Contact Requirements
 - You must submit 20 "Patient Contacts" every year, to maintain your EMR Licence.
 - This involves using yourBCeID account to access the Emergency Medical Assistant's Continuing Competence System (EMACCS) and document the medical responses that you've attended throughout the year.
 - These responses could be related to your employment as a Paramedic, Fire Fighter, Ski Patroller, Life Guard, or any profession that involves providing emergency medical care as an EMR.

- Yearly Continuing Education Credit Requirements
 - You must also submit 20 "Continuing Education Credits" every year, to maintain your EMR Licence.
 - Any training that is related to improving, maintaining, or increasing your medical response capabilities counts toward Continuing Education Credits.
 - Some training is worth more credits than others, usually depending on course length, EMR relevance, and scope of practice.
 - Typically a short training course is valued at anywhere from 1 to 10 "Credits", although more extensive training programs can be worth upwards of 20-40 credits.
 - BC EMALB has a list of approved Continuing Education Credits and their corresponding values.
 - BC EMALB also has a list of alternative Continuing Education Credit activities.
 - These credits must be submitted through your BCeID EMACCS account.