

# EMT

(Emergency Medical Technician)

## Recertification Policy



**PURPOSE:** To establish requirements necessary for all applicants seeking recertification and authorization to be credentialed and practice at the Emergency Medical Technician level in West Virginia.

**POLICY:** To ensure consistent standards and procedures for recertifying as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in West Virginia.

**PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Certification shall be renewed every two (2) years.
- B. EMT Certifications shall expire March 31.
- C. Educational Requirements:

1. **Recertification Course** – All West Virginia certified EMTs are required to meet recertification standards as outlined below. Satisfaction of recertification standards may be obtained through either of the following two mechanisms:
  - a. Successful completion of the National Component of the National Registry's National Continued Competency Program (NCCP), **or**
  - b. Successful completion of an EMT refresher course approved by WVOEMS. This course consists of 6 modules. *(The approved EMT refresher course shall satisfy all topic requirements as outlined in the National Component of the Registry's National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) and may be used to satisfy the NCCP component.)*

Both options require completion of the WVOEMS State and Federal requirements per respective policy. Application of hours to meet the National Registry NCCP model in another state SHALL NOT constitute meeting the requirement for State certification in West Virginia.
2. Practical skills are required for recertification; evaluations shall be performed at the squad level, through a WVOEMS-endorsed education institute. Providers who are not affiliated with an EMS agency must complete the skills through a WVOEMS-endorsed education institute directly. Skills at the EMT level may be completed through a WVOEMS approved skills module utilizing WVOEMS approved skill sheets. Providers that maintain ACLS, PHTLS or ITLS, PEPP or PALS, or an equivalent WVOEMS approved course meeting the requirements of each, meet the annual skills requirements and may submit copies of those respective cards if audited.
3. Possess a valid CPR certification from an approved CPR Training course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.7.a.4 at the professional/healthcare provider level. *Certification card required.*

