

EMT

(Emergency Medical Technician)

Initial Certification Policy



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

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

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** Create a valid WVOEMS account utilizing Image Trend.
- B.** Create a valid National Registry account.
- C.** Educational Requirements:
 - 1. Complete a WVOEMS approved course meeting the current approved education standards consisting of a competency-based program conducted by a WVOEMS approved training institute.
 - 2. Successfully complete and pass all practical skills evaluations for the EMT level of certification as outlined by WVOEMS utilizing approved skills evaluators.
 - 3. Successfully complete and pass all cognitive examinations with a certifying score for the EMT level determined by the National Registry cognitive examination.
 - 4. Successfully complete Hazmat Awareness training meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards.
 - 5. Successfully complete a WVOEMS approved MCI Awareness and Operations Training (6 hours).
 - 6. Successfully complete an approved CPR Training course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.7.a.4 at the professional/healthcare provider level. *Certification card required.*
 - 7. Successfully complete the current WVOEMS Protocol course for the appropriate level of certification being sought (*this must be taught by synchronous learning*).
- D.** Apply for certification by completing an application in your Image Trend account.
- E.** Submit the appropriate fees as required in WV §64 CSR 48-6.8 and 48-6.9.

- F. Be 16 years of age or greater. Candidates that have not reached their 18th birthday shall not function as the primary patient care attendant or driver of any EMS emergency vehicle per WV §64 CSR 48-6.1.a.
- G. Disclose any limitation or exclusion by any EMS Agency, EMS Medical Director, or any other healthcare professions certification or licensing authority in any state, territory or the U.S. Military Services.
- H. Apply for and be cleared by the State and National background checks for WVOEMS as required in WV §16- 4C-8.1.1.
- I. Proof of education shall be verified through your Image Trend account and shall be subject to audit at any time during the certification process or during an active investigation.
- J. **Important Notice:** An EMR/EMT/AEMT/Paramedic certified by WVOEMS must be continually certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) during the duration of your WVOEMS certification. Failure to retain uninterrupted National Registry Certification will result in the immediate suspension of your WVOEMS certification and your right to practice in West Virginia.
- K. Meet other requirements established by the Commissioner.

This policy replaces all policies for EMT initial certification prior to April 1, 2025.
APPLICABLE CODE/RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6, §16-4C-8.1, and §64 CSR 48-6.