

## REQUIREMENTS

**NOTE:** A total of 12 hours of refresher education is required to recertify. Requirements for recertification are listed below.

### 1. Refresher

Complete an approved DOT National Standard First Responder Refresher

(12 hours)

The First Responder refresher course can be completed through two different options:

#### (1) Traditional refresher course

Completion of an approved DOT National Standard First Responder Refresher or CECBEMS approved refresher course.

#### (2) Continuing education topical hours

First Responder refresher may be completed by continuing education\* and must include the topics and hours listed below:

Topics	Hours Required	Suggested Courses
Preparatory	1 hour	Roles and Responsibilities, Well-being of the First Responder, Medical Direction, Quality Improvement, Personal Protection, Scene Safety, Medical/Legal, Human Anatomy, Lifting and Moving
Airway	2 hours	Basic Airway Management, Advanced Airway Management, Oxygen Delivery Systems and Techniques Adjuncts, Oxygen Therapy
Patient Assessment	2 hours	Scene Size-up, Initial Assessment, Vital Signs and History Taking, Assessment of Trauma Patients, Assessment of Medical Patients, Ongoing Assessment, Communications, Documentation
Circulation	3 hours	Management of Shock, Cardiac Emergencies, Bleeding/Wounds/Shock, CPR and Arrest Management
Illness & Injury	3 hours	General Pharmacology, Respiratory Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Acute Abdominal Emergencies, Diabetic Emergencies, Allergic Reactions, Poisoning and Overdose, Behavioral Emergencies, Soft-Tissue Injuries, Musculoskeletal Injuries, Injuries to Head And Spine
Childbirth & Children	1 hour	Obstetrical Emergencies, Gynecological Emergencies, Childbirth and Complications, Care of the Newborn, Assessing the Pediatric Patient, Medical Emergencies in Kids, Airway Management in Pediatrics, Trauma Emergencies and Care in Kids
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12 hours</b>	

*\*Some states require the traditional refresher course and will not accept continuing education hours. Please refer to your state's particular requirements. A maximum number of 6 hours can be applied from Distributive Education towards this section and must be state or CECBEMS approved.*

### 2. CPR Certification

Submission of an approved CPR credential for the professional rescuer. Credential must be current through the September 30 expiration date. Verification may be in the form of an instructor's signature on the recertification form or copies of both sides of a current card.

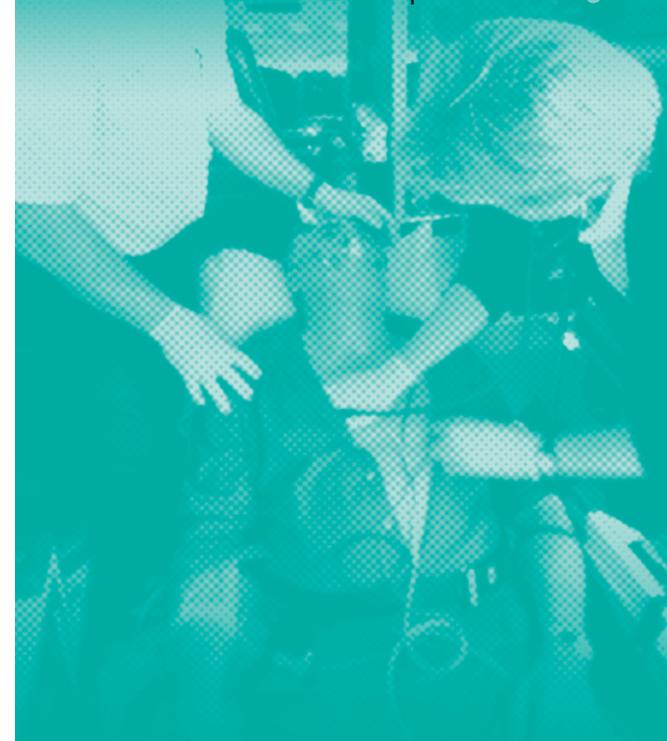
To obtain locations for continuing education, contact your state EMS office or local EMS training center.

Hours from the following courses can be applied hour for hour with no maximum: EMS Course Instruction and Wilderness EMS Training.

**Courses That Cannot Be Applied Towards Additional Continuing Education Hours:** Clinical Rotations, CPR, First Responder Course, home study programs, instructor courses, management/leadership courses, performance of duty, preceptor hours, serving as a skill examiner, and volunteer time with agencies.

# First Responder

## How to Maintain Your National EMS Certification Recertification Requirements



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# First Responder Recertification Requirements

Thank you for your commitment to recertification. NREMT certification gives you recognized credibility across the nation and demonstrates your desire to serve the public with the highest standards. Your certification will continue to serve you well during the course of your EMS career.



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**Individuals requiring a National Registry card to work must submit recertification materials to the NREMT for processing by mid-July (of the year your certification expires.)**

**Recertification forms are mailed in June, prior to your expiration date. Returned forms must be postmarked no later than September 30.**

## Recertification Application Options

Once you've completed the continuing education requirements indicated in this brochure, you can recertify in the following ways:

1. Complete the recertification form you will receive in the mail **OR**
2. Download and complete a recertification form from the NREMT website **OR**
3. Go to [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org), fill out the on-line recertification form, print it and mail it with signatures.

## To Recertify You Need to:

1. Be actively working within an emergency medical service, rescue service, or patient health care facility using your First Responder skills.

*If this is your first recertification renewal and you wish to request Inactive Status, you must have worked at least six months.*

2. Complete all recertification requirements.
3. Demonstrate continued cognitive competency through continuing education or examination.
4. Submit complete recertification application prior to September 30 (of the year your certification expires.)

### Continuing Education Option

Complete a total of 12 hours of education including:

- Completion of an approved DOT National Standard First Responder Refresher
- Pay the \$10 (U.S. funds) non-refundable application processing fee at the time of submission of documentation

*All continuing education hours, to include the refresher, must be completed within the current recertification cycle. Education completed*

*prior to your previous September 30 expiration date will NOT be accepted. If this is your first recertification, only education completed after the date of the initial registration will be accepted. See reverse side for detailed recertification requirements.*

5. Maintain skills as verified by your Training Program Director, Director of Operations or Physician Medical Director. (Requires signature on your recertification application validating competency of skills).
6. Obtain CPR certification at the appropriate level current to September 30.

### Exam Option

The recertification by examination option enables you to demonstrate continued cognitive competence without requiring you to document your continuing education.

- Establish an account on the NREMT website at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Complete a recertification by examination application and pay the \$65 (U.S. funds) exam fee.
- After 24-48 hours, go the NREMT website, login to your account and print your Authorization to Test (ATT) letter. Follow the directions on the letter to schedule your exam.
- Take and pass the exam between April 1 and September 15 (of the year your certification expires.) You will receive an abbreviated recertification application upon successful completion of the exam.
- Return the abbreviated recertification application by September 30 (of the year your certification expires) with signatures and supporting documentation.

**All other recertification requirements (including felony statement, CPR/ACLS certification, active affiliation/practice, verification of skills, Physician Medical Director signature, etc.) must still be met and verified.**

*You may make one attempt to demonstrate continued cognitive competency by taking an examination (in lieu of documenting continuing education) within six months of your expiration date (April 1 through September 15).*

## Terms of Recertification

In applying for recertification, registrants agree to comply with all recertification requirements, rules and standards of the NREMT. The registrant bears the burden of demonstrating and maintaining compliance at all times. The NREMT considers individuals to be solely responsible for their certification. Individuals must notify NREMT, within 30 days, of change of mailing address. Change of mailing address can be made via our website: [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Individuals must notify the NREMT, within 30 days, of any felony convictions.

Individuals must notify the NREMT, within 30 days, of any disciplinary action taken by any state that has resulted in the following:

- Suspension, revocation, or expiration of state registration/license
- Termination of right to practice
- Voluntary surrender of state registration/license while under investigation

## Disciplinary Policy/Revocation of Certification

NREMT has disciplinary procedures, rights of appeals, and due process within its policies. Individuals applying for certification or recertification who wish to exercise these rights may contact the NREMT for copies of the Disciplinary Procedures. Requests to appeal must be submitted within forty five (45) days of receipt of notice of a determination.

## Audits

The National Registry reserves the right to investigate recertification material at any time. You must retain documentation of all continuing education. Failure to submit education when audited will result in denial of eligibility to recertify.