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**ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** 12/30/2016    **AUTHORIZATION:** T. Sousa, Interim Director

**TITLE:** Deadlines for Renewal of Certification, and Reinstatement Procedures for Massachusetts Certified  
 Advanced EMTs and Paramedics

**SUPERSEDES:** 3/10/2016

**PURPOSE:**

To define the deadlines for Advanced EMT and Paramedic recertification in accordance with 105 CMR 170.930, and to further define the requirements and procedures for reinstatement of Massachusetts Advanced EMT and Paramedic certifications in accordance with 105 CMR 170.935.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**RECERTIFICATION** is the normal procedure followed to renew EMT certification through successful completion of all requirements within the mandatory time limits, or who renewed their certification that lapsed for 30 days or less, in accordance with 105 CMR 170.930(A)(4).

**REINSTATEMENT** is the procedure that must be followed when an EMT is no longer eligible for recertification because requirements were not met or were not met within time limits of either regular recertification or renewal of a certification that had lapsed for 30 days or less.

**EMTs NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RECERTIFICATION**

- Individuals who did not complete or document the minimum required continuing education hours (for Paramedics, 60 hours; for Advanced EMTs, 50 hours) to meet the National Registry of EMTs' (NREMT) National Continued Competency Requirements (NCCR) and/or AR 2-212, prior to March 31, YEAR OF EXPIRATION, OR
- Individuals who did not renew their NREMT certification as required, OR
- Individuals who fail to file an acceptable application for recertification, including fee, prior to either the regular deadline of April 1, YEAR OF EXPIRATION or late certification deadline of April 30, YEAR OF EXPIRATION.

**REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURES FOR MASSACHUSETTS PARAMEDICS AND ADVANCED EMTs WHO HELD MASSACHUSETTS AND NREMT CERTIFICATION WITHIN TWO YEARS OF EXPIRATION**

Advanced EMTs and Paramedics with NREMT certification must maintain that certification in order to qualify for renewal of Massachusetts certification, and the NREMT certification must be valid at the time they apply for Massachusetts recertification. Advanced EMTs and Paramedics who were certified by the NREMT, and whose NREMT certification expired 3/31/YEAR OF EXPIRATION, where YEAR OF EXPIRATION is within two years of when their Massachusetts certification has expired or will expire, must reinstate their NREMT certification and then apply for Massachusetts initial or renewal certification. Information on reinstating a NREMT certification can be found on the NREMT website, at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) or by calling 614-888-4484

**REINSTATEMENT PROCEDURES FOR MASSACHUSETTS PARAMEDICS AND ADVANCED EMTs WHO ONLY HELD MASSACHUSETTS AND NOT NREMT CERTIFICATION WITHIN TWO YEARS OF EXPIRATION**

In order for a candidate to reinstate their expired Massachusetts Paramedic certification they must obtain Paramedic certification from the NREMT. The entry requirements for a previously state licensed Paramedic who is applying for NREMT Paramedic certification can be found on the NREMT website, at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) (Lapsed Paramedic Certification; Lapsed More than 2 Years). Please contact the NREMT at 614-888-4484 regarding the application process.

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The NREMT requires that previously state licensed Paramedics applying for NREMT Paramedic certification is have a letter of support and approval from the state EMS office in the state where they are to work. In order to receive a letter of support, a candidate must meet the following requirements:

- For Paramedics, successfully complete a Department approved course(s) meeting the 30-hour NREMT National Continued Competency Requirements (NCCR), no more than one year prior to the submission of the application for reinstatement.
- Complete and submit a reinstatement application form (provided by the Department) with the \$150 non-refundable fee, made out to the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, and postmarked no later than March 31, TWO YEARS AFTER YEAR OF EXPIRATION.
- Submit a copy of **both sides** of your current Basic Cardiac Life Support (**BCLS**) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)'s International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).
- Submit a copy of **both sides** of your current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)'s International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).

A Paramedic or Advanced EMT reinstatement candidate must successfully complete the NREMT psychomotor and cognitive examinations and gain current NREMT certification at the level they are applying to reinstate. A candidate will be eligible for Massachusetts certification based on their current NREMT certification. A candidate's - reinstatement application will remain on file for one year from the date it is received at OEMS.

**BEYOND TWO YEARS OF EXPIRATION FOR ALL ALS LEVELS:**

- Complete an EMT-Basic initial training program and successfully complete both a psychomotor and cognitive examination, which ultimately must result in certification from the NREMT.
- Apply for initial EMT-Basic certification in Massachusetts in accordance with 105 CMR 170.910.
- Complete an initial training program at either the Paramedic or Advanced EMT level and successfully complete both a psychomotor and cognitive examination, which ultimately results in certification at the applicable ALS level from the NREMT.
- Apply for initial certification in Massachusetts at the applicable level of NREMT certification, in accordance with 105 CMR 170.910.