**I. PURPOSE**

To define the requirements and procedures for Massachusetts EMT certification for the following categories of individuals:

1. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Basic in another state and holds National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification;
2. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Basic in another state, and does not hold NREMT certification, and
3. An individual who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant.

#### II. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION BY CATEGORY

1. A candidate who is **currently licensed/certified in another state** **and holds NREMT certification** at the EMT or EMT-Basic level must submit the following:
2. An application for Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic
3. The required Massachusetts certification fee of $150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
4. Documentation of current state license or certification as an EMT-Basic. This license/certification must be current, valid and in good standing when the candidate applies for Massachusetts reciprocity certification as an EMT-Basic and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic.
5. Verification of EMT Status form completed by the state agency that issued the candidate’s EMT-Basic license/certification. The Verification of EMT Status form must be received at OEMS directly from the issuing authority with the signature of the person who completed the form**. A Verification of EMT Status form must be received from every state in which the candidate has ever been licensed or certified as an EMT. Certifications that have expired must have been in good standing when they expired.**
6. Documentation of current NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic; and
7. 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’s (ILCOR’s) International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).
8. A candidate who is **currently** **licensed/certified in another state and** **does not hold NREMT certification** at the EMT or EMT-Basic level is required to obtain NREMT certification prior to applying for Massachusetts certification. Once a candidate obtains NREMT certification and applies for Massachusetts EMT certification, they must submit a Verification of EMT Status form from the state agency in which he or she holds current EMT licensure or certification. Such a candidate must complete the following steps:
   1. **Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level, at** [**www.nremt.org**](http://www.nremt.org).
      1. Candidate must successfully meet NREMT entry requirements including but not limited to having documentation of successful education, cognitive examination, and psychomotor examination.
   2. **Once the candidate has obtained NREMT certification, the candidate submits the remaining items listed in category A, above: 1 through 6.**
9. A candidate who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant and **does not hold NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic,** must successfully complete the NREMT certification process as required by NREMT, and obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level.Such a candidate must complete the following steps:
   1. Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level, at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org).
      1. Candidate must successfully meet NREMT entry requirements, including but not limited to, documenting successful completion of education, cognitive examination, and psychomotor examination.
   2. Hold current a Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, physician’s assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner. This license or registration must be current and in good standing with the applicant’s respective licensing board throughout the process of obtaining certification as a Massachusetts EMT.
   3. Affiliate with a Department-accredited EMT training institution (ATI) as an Advanced Placement candidate. The ATI is responsible for verifying the applicant’s successful completion of all of the cognitive, psychomotor and affective objectives of an EMT-Basic course, through prior learning assessment, assessment of knowledge and documentation of skill proficiencies. The ATI is then responsible for documenting this verification on the NREMT website and is therefore eligible for examination. The ATI is responsible for entering the candidate’s psychomotor examination results on the NREMT website when the candidate passes the psychomotor exam.
   4. The candidate must complete the psychomotor examination within three attempts. If the candidate does not successfully complete within three attempts, they are no longer eligible for this process, and must complete an EMT course in order to be eligible for certification.
   5. Successfully complete the NREMT certification process and obtain NREMT EMT certification
   6. Submit an application for Initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic based on NREMT EMT Certification.
   7. Submit the required Massachusetts certification fee of $150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

III. **CATEGORIES THAT OBTAIN MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION THROUGH INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

In order to obtain Massachusetts certification as an EMT, the following categories of candidates apply for **initial Massachusetts certification** as an EMT-Basic, as follows:

A. Candidates who **hold NREMT certification** as an EMT or EMT-Basic but **are not certified or licensed as an EMT in any state**: They apply for Massachusetts initial EMT certification.

B. Candidates who have **previously taken and failed any portion of the Massachusetts EMT-Basic examination and are still eligible to continue testing**: They must contact the NREMT directly to initiate and successfully complete the process to become NREMT certified at the EMT level. Contact the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic once they obtain NREMT certification.

C. Candidates who have **trained in-state or out-of-state as an EMT or EMT-Basic or have training they believe is equivalent to EMT or EMT-Basic training, such as through the military, but in either case are not certified or licensed as an EMT in any state and do not hold NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic**: They must contact the NREMT directly to initiate and successfully complete the process to become NREMT certified at the EMT level. Contact the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic once they obtain NREMT certification.