



ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7, 2024 **AUTHORIZATION:** Susan Lewis, Director

TITLE: Psychomotor Skills Verification in Lieu of Full Psychomotor Exam for Massachusetts Certified EMT
-Basics to Obtain NREMT EMT Certification

SUPERSEDES: 2/11/2019

Purpose:

To set out the requirements to be followed by Instructor/Coordinators (I/Cs) at Massachusetts accredited EMS training institutions or Training Officers at affiliated ambulance services, to carry out the psychomotor skills verification, in lieu of a repeat full psychomotor exam, for National Registry of EMTs' (NREMT) certification at the EMT level. This skills verification is only applicable to current Massachusetts certified EMT-Basics who are seeking initial NREMT certification. Expired Massachusetts EMT-Basics looking to regain NREMT (and Massachusetts) EMT-Basic certification **must apply for reinstatement, and complete a full psychomotor examination**, in accordance with AR 2-248.

Requirements:

- A. I/Cs and Training Officers must verify that the applicant EMT holds a current Massachusetts EMT-Basic certification before completing the skills verification. This skills verification cannot be used for reinstatement of expired Massachusetts certification.
- B. The NREMT's Psychomotor Examination Verification form must be used. The verification must be performed by a currently approved Massachusetts I/C affiliated with, and on behalf of, a current Massachusetts accredited training institution (ATI), or an ambulance service's designated Training Officer, evidenced by affiliation on the NREMT website.
- C. I/Cs at ATIs may perform the psychomotor skills verification for EMT-Basics who are not otherwise affiliated with an ambulance service. An ambulance service Training Officer may only perform this verification for EMTs currently affiliated with their service.
- D. The I/C or Training Officer must conduct the skills verification in person, and only for the purposes of the psychomotor skills verification. It cannot be combined with a concurrent practical examination for any other purpose.
- E. The I/C or Training Officer must verify performance of the following skills:
 - a. Patient Assessment/Management-Medical
 - b. Patient Assessment/Management-Trauma
 - c. Bag-Valve Mask (Apneic Adult Patient)
 - d. Oxygen administration by Non-Rebreather Mask
 - e. Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
 - f. Spinal Immobilization (Supine Patient)
 - g. Random Skill Verification (chose one of: Bleeding Control/Shock Management, Joint Immobilization, Long Bone Immobilization, Spinal Immobilization of Seated Patient)
- F. If the I/C or Training Officer determines the individual being evaluated cannot perform these skills appropriately, the I/C or Training Officer must ensure the individual undergoes remediation prior to being re-evaluated in these skills. The I/C or Training Officer is responsible for documenting the remediation session and the topics covered and keeping this documentation on file.
- G. The I/C or the Training Officer signing the skills verification form, as well as their affiliated ATI or ambulance service, is responsible for the accuracy of the skills verification of the individual evaluated.
- H. The psychomotor verification form must be submitted to the NREMT directly. The I/C or Training Officer performing each skills verification must retain a copy of the form for their own records. Verification forms are subject to audit by OEMS and/or NREMT.