## I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements and procedures for Massachusetts EMT certification at the Advanced (AEMT) level for the following categories of individuals:

1. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an AEMT in another state.;
2. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an AEMT in another state and does not hold NREMT certification at the AEMT level.

# II. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS EMT CERTIFICATION AT THE AEMT LEVEL BY CATEGORY

1. A candidate who **holds NREMT certification** at the AEMT level, and is currently, or has previously held EMT certification/licensure in another state or jurisdiction (at any level) must submit the following:
2. An application for Massachusetts EMT certification as an AEMT, on a form or electronic platform provided by the Department;
3. The required nonrefundable certification fee of $150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
4. Documentation of current NREMT certification as an EMT level (or above);
5. 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), as documented by a current training certificate, renewed biennially, in Basic Cardiac Life Support health care professional CPR. CPR training must be obtained through an instructor-led program or blended learning experience with an in-person hands-on skills evaluation, and must include a cognitive examination;
6. If the applicant currently or has previously held EMT certification/licensure in any other state or jurisdiction, a verification of EMT certification/licensure status form completed by the state agency that issued the candidate’s EMT license/certification. The Verification form must be received by 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.** Verification forms are valid for 60 days following receipt by the Department;
7. If the applicant currently, or previously held any other health care provider licensure or certification, a description of the credentials held, and statement regarding whether this license or certification is current, in good standing and whether there are any past disciplinary actions relating to this license or certification;
8. A Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) authorization form, giving the Department permission to access conviction and pending criminal case data, and
9. Applications for Massachusetts EMT certification are valid for 1 year from initial submission date.

B. A candidate who is **currently** **licensed or certified in another state and does not hold NREMT certification** at the AEMT level is required to obtain NREMT certification at the AEMT level prior to applying for Massachusetts certification. Once the candidate has obtained AEMT certification from NREMT, the candidate submits the remaining items listed in section II. A, above: 1 through 7, meeting the timeline in A.8.

**III. CANDIDATES WHO OBTAIN MASSACHUSETTS EMT CERTIFICATION AT THE AEMT LEVEL THROUGH INITIAL CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

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

A. Candidates who **hold NREMT certification** as an AEMT but **are not certified or licensed as an EMT in another state**: They apply for Massachusetts initial EMT certification at the AEMT level, as described above in Section II, number 1 through 8.

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

C. **Candidates who are returning veterans or military “medics,” do not hold NREMT certification as an AEMT or certification/licensure in another state as an AEMT, and believe their training is equivalent to AEMT training**: Follow the procedures set out in AR 2-238.