## I. PURPOSE

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

1. An individual who holds National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification at the Paramedic level, with or without current or prior certification/licensure as a Paramedic in another state;
2. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Paramedic in another state and does not hold NREMT certification at the Paramedic level.

# II. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION BY CATEGORY

A. A candidate who **holds NREMT Paramedic certification**, with or without current or prior certification/ licensure as a Paramedic in another state must submit the following:

1. An application for Massachusetts certification as an EMT at the Paramedic level, on a form or electronic platform provided by the Department;
2. The required nonrefundable certification fee of $150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
3. Documentation of current NREMT certification as a Paramedic;
4. 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;
5. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) course 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 Advanced Cardiac Life Support CPR. ACLS 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 EMS certification/licensure in any other state or jurisdiction, a verification of EMS certification/licensure status form completed by the state agency that issued the candidate’s EMS 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 MA EMT certification at the Paramedic level are valid for 1 year from initial submission date.

B. A candidate who is **currently** **licensed or certified as a Paramedic in another state and does not hold NREMT certification** at the Paramedic level is required toobtain NREMT certification at Paramedic level prior to applying for Massachusetts EMT certification at the Paramedic level. Such a candidate completes the following steps:

1. **Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the Paramedic 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 and ALS-Paramedic certification examination.
2. **Once the candidate has obtained NREMT certification, the candidate submits the remaining items listed in section II. A, above: 1 through 8, meeting the timeline in A.**

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

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

A. Candidates who **hold NREMT certification** as an EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic but **are not certified or licensed as an EMT in another state**: They apply for Massachusetts initial EMT certification at the EMT-Paramedic level, as described above in section II. A, number 1 through 9.

1. Candidates who have **previously taken and failed any portion of the NREMT Paramedic 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 Paramedic level. Contact the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts EMT certification at the Paramedic level.
2. Candidates who have **trained in-state or out-of-state as an EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic or have training they believe is equivalent to EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic training but are in either case are not certified or licensed as an EMT-Paramedic in any state and do not hold NREMT certification as an EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic**: They must contact the NREMT directly to initiate and successfully complete the process to become NREMT certified at the Paramedic or EMT-Paramedic level. Contact the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org). Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Paramedic once they obtain NREMT certification.
3. **Candidates who are returning veterans or military “medics,” do not hold NREMT certification as a Paramedic or certification/licensure in another state as an EMT-Basic or Paramedic, and believe their training is equivalent to Paramedic training**: Follow the procedures set out in AR 2-238.