

# MASSACHUSETTS EMT-BASIC

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## RECERTIFICATION STEPS

Go to **MASSEMT.ORG** and follow the prompts to access all steps of recertification

STEP A: TRAINING PROFILE	STEP B: STATE APPLICATION
<b>1. Create a training profile.</b> If you have NREMT certification, you will be redirected to log into your NREMT account through NREMT.org, otherwise utilize MASSEMT.org.	<b>1. Log into state's eLicensing website at:</b> <a href="https://onlineservices.hhs.state.ma.us">https://onlineservices.hhs.state.ma.us</a> Find your eLicensing account using your username or SSN and birthdate.
<b>2. Affiliate with your EMS agency.</b> If you are unaffiliated (and non-NREMT): select unaffiliated based on your region ( <i>more info available on <a href="http://www.mass.gov/dph/oems">www.mass.gov/dph/oems</a></i> )	<b>2. Review, attest &amp; pay state recertification fee.</b> Review your information for accuracy, answer questions, and submit the recertification fee (\$125) electronically.
<b>3. Enter <u>all</u> required continuing education hours.</b> Hours this cycle can be used if completed after your last recertification, and must have CAPCE or state approval.	<b>3. Submit your state application by 03/31/19.</b> Once all the steps are complete, your application will be processed and your new card sent in the mail. Cards are printed weekly from a central print shop.
<b>4. Pay for training profile &amp; send to Training Officer.</b> Send your training profile & associated fee electronically using the Department designated site.  <b>Work with your TO for profile review and submission of continuing education.</b> Your EMS agency Training Officer (TO) will review your training profile for accuracy and document the proficiency of your skills (if applicable).  <b>Fees:</b> <b>MA-only EMT-Basics: \$20</b> <b>MA/NREMT EMT-Basics: \$15</b>	<b>CHECK!</b> As you approach the expiration of your current state EMT certification, be sure to login to elicensing to ensure you have renewed! <a href="https://onlineservices.hhs.state.ma.us">https://onlineservices.hhs.state.ma.us</a>

**Need help with step A?** Direct your questions first to your agency's Training Officer; if more help is required, contact the **NREMT at 614-888-4484**.

**Need help with step B?** Contact the **eLicensing help desk at 617-973-0935**.

For additional information regarding the Massachusetts OEMS, including recertification, please visit: [www.mass.gov/dph/oems](http://www.mass.gov/dph/oems).  
If you have general questions for OEMS regarding your recertification, please email: [oems.recert@state.ma.us](mailto:oems.recert@state.ma.us).



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## TIMELINE

VARIABLES	OCTOBER 1, 2018	FEBRUARY 15, 2019	MARCH 31, 2019	APRIL 30 2019
Check your nremt.org or massemt.org dashboard for continued eligibility start dates.	Training profile & state application open for online payment & submission.	<b>Recommended date to complete &amp; submit all steps in order to receive your new card by April 1, 2019.</b>	<u>Last day to complete continuing education.</u> Last day to submit renewal application without penalty.  <b>After midnight, if you have not recertified, you <u>cannot staff an ambulance!</u></b>	Last day to have <u>all</u> renewal steps complete.  <b>\$50 late fee will apply after April 1, 2019.</b>

## CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

**OVERVIEW:** Current continuing education requirements are broken into 3 categories listed below, totaling 40 hours. The requirements involve redesigned and innovative education focused on increased clinical skills and changes in practice in accordance with the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP). Courses used for recertification must be within the EMS scope of practice — see AR 2-212 for additional detail about courses eligible for recertification.

**APPROVAL & SUBMISSION:** Course sponsors are required to retain rosters on file and issue EMTs documentation of course completion. It is the individual EMT's responsibility to retain the documentation of completed continuing education in the form of either a course certificate or copy of roster. All courses must have an OEMS approval number or CAPCE (formerly CECBEMS) approval number. Each approval number includes the type of approval (i.e. distributive online education vs in-person, etc.)

**TIMELINE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION ACCRUAL:** Continuing education hours can be used from any time after your last recertification (date is listed on nremt.org/massemt.org). For example, if you renew October 15, 2018, you can start accruing hours October 16, 2018 for your 2021 renewal.

**DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION GUIDELINES:** In accordance with AR 2-212, personnel recertifying may only take 1/3 of their National continuing education hours (7h), none of their Local hours (0h) and ALL of their Individual hours (10h) via distributive education (DE). Please reference AR 2-212 for a complete definition of distributive education. OEMS approved courses that have T1, T2, T4, or T5 in the approval number are *not distributive* (or F1, F2, F4, F5 if CAPCE approved)

NATIONAL	Content that all EMTs nationwide need to take.	LOCAL	Content that all EMTs in your state, region and/or service need to take.	INDIVIDUAL	Content that individual EMT can choose to take.
<b>20 Total Hours Required</b>		<b>10 Total Hours Required</b>		<b>10 Total Hours Required</b>	
1/3 of the <b>NATIONAL</b> hours can be via Distributive Education (7 hours max)  This is a defined course which took the place of the old refresher.  You must take the 2016 NCCR version in order to renew. If you have questions, please ask the course sponsor		None of the <b>LOCAL</b> hours can be via Distributive Education (0 hours)  Elective course requirement, and must be done via non-distributive education (live/in person only).		All of the <b>INDIVIDUAL</b> hours can be via Distributive Education (10 hours max)  Elective course requirement.	

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you do not have NREMT certification and elect to test into the NREMT, thus obtaining a 2021 expiration date during your recertification period, you will fulfill the continuing education and transition requirements for your Massachusetts certification expiring in 2019 and can finish the state recertification process by submitting a state recertification application and fee (step B).