

MASSACHUSETTS PARAMEDIC

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RECERTIFICATION STEPS

NREMT.ORG and **eLicensing** will be your recertification sites

STEP A: TRAINING PROFILE

1. Create a training profile.

Log into your NREMT account through **NREMT.org**. **Please note, MASSEMT.org is no longer in use.** All EMTs, with or without National Registry Certification, will use NREMT.org.

2. Affiliate with your EMS agency.

If you are **unaffiliated** (not working and not National Registry): select unaffiliated based on your region (*more info available on <https://www.mass.gov/emergency-medical-technicians-emts-and-paramedics>*)

3. Enter all required continuing education hours.

Hours this cycle can be used if completed after your last recertification, and must have CAPCE or state approval.

4. Pay for training profile & send to your Training Officer by 03/31/2021

Send your training profile & associated fee electronically using the Department designated site (NREMT.org).

PLEASE REMEMBER TO HIT THE "SUBMIT" BUTTON ON YOUR TRAINING PROFILE.

Work with your TO for profile review and submission of continuing education.

Your EMS agency TO will review your training profile for accuracy and document the proficiency of your skills (if applicable).

Fee: \$25

DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE STEP B.

STEP B: STATE APPLICATION

1. Log into state's eLicensing website at:

<https://onlineservices.hhs.state.ma.us>

Find your eLicensing account using your username or SSN and birthdate.

2. Review, attest & pay state recertification fee.

Review your information for accuracy, answer questions, and submit the recertification fee (\$125) electronically.

3. Submit your state application by 06/30/2021.

Once all the steps are complete, your application will be processed and your new card sent in the mail. Cards are printed weekly, and may take 10 business days to arrive.

YOU ARE NOT RENEWED UNTIL STATE APPLICATION IS COMPLETE!

As you approach the expiration of your current state EMT certification, be sure to login to eLicensing to ensure you have renewed! Once you see you have **03/31/2023** expiration on eLicensing **NOT NREMT.org** (note change from 04/01), you have successfully renewed.

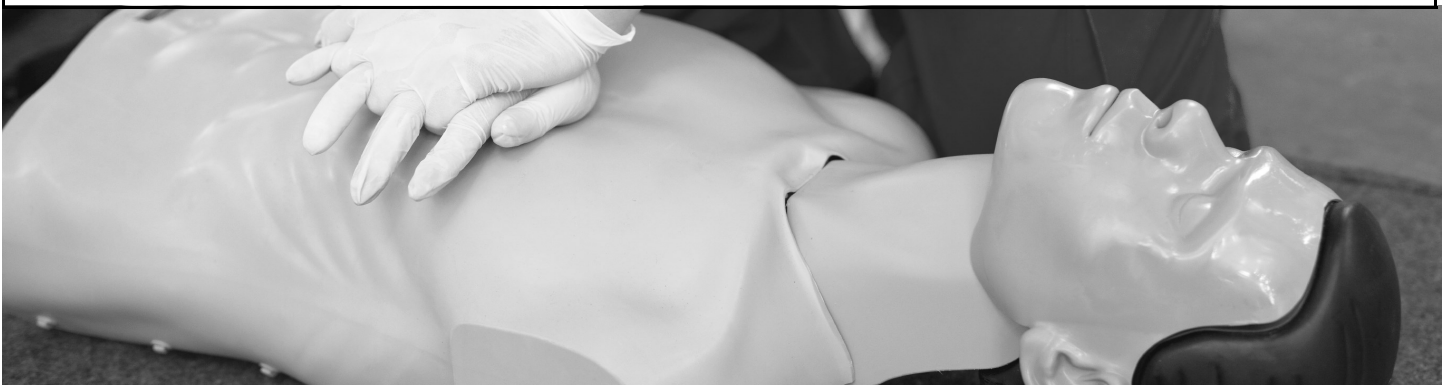
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A NREMT Expiration date of 03/31/2023 DOES NOT mean you have recertified your MA Paramedic Certification.

Need help with Step A? Direct your questions first to your agency's Training Officer; if more help is required, contact the **NREMT** at support@nremt.org or **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.
If you have general questions for OEMS regarding your recertification, please email: oems.recert@state.ma.us.



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TIMELINE

VARIABLES	NOVEMBER 1, 2020	FEBRUARY 15, 2021	MARCH 31, 2021	APRIL 30, 2021	JUNE 30, 2021
Check your NREMT.org dashboard for Con-Ed eligibility start dates.	Training profile & state application open for submission & online payment.	Recommended Recertification completion date. Mistakes happen, it is always better to get ahead of the curve!	LAST DAY to <u>complete continuing education</u> . Last day to submit training profile without penalty.	LAST DAY to submit training profile (nremt.org) Late Fee if submitted after April 1: NREMT \$50	LAST DAY to submit recertification application. After midnight, if not recertified, you cannot staff an ambulance!

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

OVERVIEW: Current continuing education requirements are broken into 3 categories listed below, totaling 60 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 certification dashboard). For example, if you renewed October 15, 2018, you can start accruing hours October 16, 2018 for your 2021 renewal.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION GUIDELINES: In accordance with AR 2-212, EMT Continuing Education Standards has been updated to match National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) policy, permitting EMTs whose certifications expire in 2021 to **complete all of their continuing education via Distributive Education (DE)**, temporarily lifting the limits on DE for this cycle, due to the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

NATIONAL	LOCAL	INDIVIDUAL
<i>Content that all EMTs nationwide need to take.</i>	<i>Content that all EMTs in your state, region and/or service need to take.</i>	<i>Content that individual EMT can choose to take.</i>
30 Total Hours Required	15 Total Hours Required	15 Total Hours Required
<p>All of the NATIONAL hours can be via Distributive Education (30 hours max)</p> <p>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</p>	<p>All of the LOCAL hours can be via Distributive Education (15 hours max)</p> <p>We encourage Virtual Instructor Lead Training (VILT) courses.</p>	<p>All of the INDIVIDUAL hours can be via Distributive Education (15 hours max)</p> <p>Elective course requirement.</p>

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not have NREMT certification and elect to test into the NREMT, thus obtaining a 2023 expiration date during your recertification period, you will fulfill the continuing education and transition requirements for your Massachusetts certification expiring in 2021 and can finish the state recertification process by submitting a state recertification application and fee (Step B).