



EMS Education Programs vs. EMS Agencies

What is the difference?

EMS Education Program

An EMS Education Program is an educational institution or organization at which candidates receive initial EMS education at any of the four National Registry certification levels. EMS Education Programs are required to have a designated Program Director, who will be responsible for authorizing candidates to undergo National Registry examinations.

- Managed by a Program Director.
 - There can only be one Program Director.
- The Program Director is responsible for electronically verifying successful course completion of an initial EMS education program.
- By verifying course completion, Program Directors authorize candidates to undergo the National Registry cognitive exam.
- At the EMR and EMT levels, the Program Director is responsible for electronically verifying initial psychomotor skills completion.
- AEMT and Paramedic psychomotor skills are verified by the National Registry, however the Program Director will authorize candidates to undergo the advanced level psychomotor exam.

Initial Certification

EMS Agency

An EMS Agency is an organization that providers work or volunteer for, utilizing their EMS skills. This agency will be responsible for verifying continuing education and skills competency. Agency providers will need to submit a request to become electronically affiliated with their agency on the National Registry Website, from the *My Certification* page.

- Managed by Training Officers and Medical Director
 - There can be multiple Training Officers and Medical Directors.
- Training Officers and Medical Directors are responsible for verifying recertification applications submitted by agency providers.
- Training Officers and Medical Directors must be affiliated with their respective agencies, to access and manage the recertification applications of agency providers.
- Training Officers will often enter continuing education course information on behalf of agency providers.
- Training Officers cannot approve their own recertification application. Another Training Officer or a Medical Director with Training Officer access will be responsible for reviewing and approving that application.

Recertification

Online Resources

- National Registry Program Directors – [Web Page: Information for Program Directors](#)
- National Registry Training Officers – [Web Page: Information for Training Officers](#)
- National Registry Medical Directors – [Web Page: Information for Medical Directors](#)

Links to these online resources can also be found in the footer of the National Registry Website.
www.nremt.org