

## EMR Initial Certification Policy and Procedures

**PURPOSE:** To establish requirements necessary for all applicants seeking certification and authorization to be credentialed and practice at the Emergency Medical Responder level.

**POLICY:** To ensure consistent standards and procedures for certifying as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) in West Virginia.

### PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Create a valid WVOEMS account.
- B. Create a valid National Registry account.
- C. Apply for certification by completing an online application at [www.wvoems.org/ecert](http://www.wvoems.org/ecert).
- D. Submit the appropriate fees as required in WV §64 CSR 48-6.9.
- E. Disclose any limitation or exclusion by any EMS Agency, EMS Medical Director, or any other healthcare professions certification or licensing authority in any state, territory or the U.S. Military Services.
- F. Apply for and be cleared by the State and National background checks for WVOEMS as required in WV §16- 4C-8.1.1.
- G. Successfully complete Hazmat Awareness training meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards.
- H. Successfully complete a WVOEMS approved MCI Awareness and Operations Training program (6 hours). *This requirement only applies if the applicant has never completed this program previously. This initial program is a onetime only requirement.*
- I. Successfully complete an approved CPR Training course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.7.a.4 at the professional/healthcare provider level.
- J. Complete a WVOEMS approved course meeting the current approved education standards consisting of a minimum of seventy-two (72) classroom hours conducted by a WVOEMS approved training institute.

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- K. Successfully complete and pass all practical skills evaluations for the EMR level of certification as outlined by the National Registry and conducted by WVOEMS approved skills evaluators.
- L. Successfully complete and pass all cognitive examinations with a certifying score for the paramedic level determined by the National Registry cognitive examination.
- M. Proof of education shall be submitted in the National Registry State Education Tracking System (S.E.T.S.) online platform.
- N. **Important Notice:** An EMR/EMT/AEMT/Paramedic certified by WVOEMS must be continually certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) during the duration of your WVOEMS certification. Failure to retain uninterrupted National Certification will result in the immediate suspension of your WVOEMS certification and your right to practice in West Virginia.
- O. Meet other requirements established by the Commissioner.

This policy replaces all previous policies for Emergency Medical Responder Initial Certification.

APPLICABLE CODE/RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6, §16-4C-8.1, and §64 CSR 48-6.