

AEMT Initial Certification Policy and Procedures

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

POLICY: To ensure consistent standards and procedures for certifying as an AEMT 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.
- D. Submit the appropriate fees as required in WV §64 CSR 48-6.9.
- E. Be 18 years of age or greater.
- F. 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.
- G. Apply for and be cleared by the State and National background checks for WVOEMS as required in WV §16- 4C-8.1.1.
- H. Possess a current EMT certification.
- I. Successfully complete Hazmat Awareness training meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards.
- J. Successfully complete a WVOEMS approved MCI Awareness and Operations (6 hours). *This requirement only applies if the applicant has never completed this program previously. This initial program is a onetime only requirement.*
- K. Successfully complete an approved CPR refresher course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.7.a.4 at the professional/healthcare provider level.
- L. Successfully complete a WVOEMS Initial AEMT Protocol Course. (4 hours)

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- M.** Complete an AEMT Education Program through an institution accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in a manner prescribed under the Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP).
- N.** Successfully complete and pass all practical skills evaluations for the AEMT level of certification as outlined by National Registry.
- O.** Successfully complete and pass all cognitive examinations with a certifying score for the AEMT level determined by the National Registry cognitive examination.
- P.** Successfully complete the WVOEMS approved AEMT Scope of Practice Modules expanding the scope of practice in West Virginia. These hours are additional to the National Registry program but may apply congruently if conducting a joint AEMT/Paramedic Program.
1. WV AEMT Cardiology Component (20 Hours)
 2. WV AEMT Pharmacology Component (50 Hours)
 3. WV AEMT Clinical Component (124 Hours)
 4. WV AEMT Field Component (76 Hours)
- Q.** Proof of education shall be submitted in the National Registry State Education Tracking System (S.E.T.S.) online platform.
- R.** **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.
- S.** Meet other requirements established by the Commissioner.

This policy replaces all previous policies for AEMT initial certification. APPLICABLE CODE/RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6 and §16-4C-8 and §64 CS 48-6.