

EMR

(Emergency Medical Responder)

Initial Certification Policy

WEST VIRGINIA
Department of

**Health &
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Resources**



BUREAU FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Emergency Medical Services



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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.
- D. Submit the appropriate fees as required in WV §64 CSR 48-6.9.
- E. Be 16 years of age or greater however; the EMR that is under 18 years of age may not function as the primary patient care attendant or driver of any EMS emergency vehicle per WV §64 CSR 48-6.1.a.
- 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. Successfully complete Hazmat Awareness training meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards.
- I. Successfully complete a WVOEMS approved MCI Awareness and Operations Training program (6 hours).
- J. Successfully complete an approved CPR Training course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.8.a.4.

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- K. 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.
- L. Successfully complete and pass all practical skills evaluations for the EMR level of certification per NREMT standards conducted by WVOEMS approved skills evaluators.
- M. Successfully complete and pass all cognitive and psychomotor examinations with a passing score for the level of certification per NREMT Policy.
- N. Proof of education shall be submitted to National Registry online in the “My Certification” dashboard.
- O. **Important Notice:** An EMR/EMT/Paramedic certified by WVOEMS must also be continually certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) or an equivalent certifying organization approved by WVOEMS, during the duration of your WVOEMS certification. Your failure to retain an uninterrupted NREMT or equivalent certification may result in the immediate suspension of your WVOEMS certification and your right to practice in West Virginia.
- P. 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.