

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

(Emergency Waivers and Modifications)

202 KAR 7:201. Emergency Medical Responders.

Section 1. Emergency Medical Responder Student Eligibility. (1) Individuals shall be eligible to enroll as a student in an Emergency Medical Responder training program if the applicant:

- (a) Is at least fifteen (15) years of age;
- (b) Is not currently subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A that would prevent certification; and
- (c) Meets all additional requirements established by the EMS-TEI.

Section 2. Certification Requirements. (1) Individuals desiring initial certification as an Emergency Medical Responder shall:

- (a) Meet all of the requirements of Section 1 of this administrative regulation;
- (b) Be at least sixteen (16) years of age;
- (c) Successfully complete a training program which conforms to the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1995 National Standard Curriculum, NREMT-EMR as the curriculum for education, which shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone;
- (d) Obtain NREMT's registration or provisional certification as an NREMT-EMR or complete a state approved Emergency Medical Responder certification exam process;
- (e) Submit a completed and signed "Emergency Medical Responder Initial Certification Application"; and

- (f) Pay the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030.

Section 3. Recertification and Continuing Education Requirements. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder shall be eligible for recertification if:

- (a) The applicant submits a signed and completed "Universal Application for Recertification/Relicensure"; and
 - (b) The applicant pays the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030.
- (2) An application for recertification shall be denied if:
- (a) Prior to the certification expiration date, the Emergency Medical Responder applicant has not met the applicable requirements this section; or
 - (b) The applicant has been subjected to disciplinary action that prevents recertification at the time of application.
- (3) An Emergency Medical Responder, in good standing, who is a member of a National Guard or a military reserve unit who is called to active duty by presidential order pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 121 and 673b, shall be given a one (1) year extension following release from active duty to meet the applicable requirements for recertification listed in this administrative regulation. The Emergency Medical Responder shall submit a written request for this extension within sixty (60) days of release from active duty.
- (4) The KBEMS office may audit an Emergency Medical Responder's continuing education and continuing education records.
- (5) The Emergency Medical Responder shall maintain documentation of all continuing education for four (4) years from the date of completion.

Section 4. Emergency Medical Responder Reciprocity. (1) A person certified as an Emergency Medical Responder, or who has been previously certified as an Emergency Medical

Responder in another state or territory of the United States or a member of the National Guard or United States Armed Forces who is certified as an Emergency Medical Responder, or who had been certified as an Emergency Medical Responder previously, shall be eligible for direct reciprocity for initial Kentucky certification as an Emergency Medical Responder if the individual:

- (a) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;
 - (b) Has successfully completed a training program, which utilized the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1995 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician-Emergency Medical Responder as the curriculum for education if any individual initially certified after January 1, 1986. An earlier edition of the National Standard Curriculum which has been supplemented by the completion of the Emergency Medical Responder Transition Course shall be considered to meet this requirement, which shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone;
 - (c) Submits a completed and signed "Emergency Medical Responder Initial Certification Application";
 - (d) Pays the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030;
 - (e) Has not been convicted of or entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense;
- and
- (f) Has not been subjected to discipline that would prevent reciprocity at the time of application.

Section 5. Exemptions from Emergency Medical Responder Administrative Regulations.
The Kentucky certification requirements for an Emergency Medical Responder shall not apply to:

- (1) United States military personnel or state National Guard employees of the United States government while providing services on a United States government-owned or operated

facility, while engaged in the performance of their official duties under federal law, or while providing assistance in mass casualty or disaster type situation; or

(2) An Emergency Medical Responder certified in another state or territory of the United States who:

- (a) Comes into Kentucky to transport a patient from another state into Kentucky; or
- (b) Is transporting a patient through the state of Kentucky to an out-of-Kentucky location.

Section 6. State of Emergency Reinstatement of Certification. (1) An Emergency Medical Responder whose certification has lapsed, may reinstate their certificate during the COVID-19 State of Emergency by submitting:

- (a) A completed State of Emergency Reinstatement application in KEMSIS;
- (b) A criminal background check that is not more than thirty (30) days old from the Administrative Office of the Courts;
- (c) Evidence of previous certification as an Emergency Medical Responder in Kentucky;

1. The burden of proof of previous certifications shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

(d) Evidence of successful completion within twenty-four (24) months preceding their application for reinstatement of the “EMR Minimum Continuing Education Requirement” that includes seventeen (17) hours of continuing education;

- (e) Payment of the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030;

(2) An application for State of Emergency reinstatement of certification shall not be considered if:

- (a) The applicant is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A;
- (b) The applicant is an individual who has been convicted of or entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense; or
- (c) The applicant has been subjected to discipline that would prevent reinstatement at the time of application.

Section 7. Public Notice of Negative Action. The KBEMS office shall cause to be published, in the KBEMS News or similar publication of the board, or otherwise disseminate the name of an Emergency Medical Responder that is fined, is placed on probationary status, is placed on a restricted status, is suspended, or has had their certification revoked.

Section 8. Temporary Certificate. (1) KBEMS staff may issue a temporary certificate to an individual who:

- (a) Submits a completed "Application for Temporary Certificate";
- (b) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;
- (c) Provides proof of being currently certified or licensed in another state or territory of the United States or is currently registered by the NREMT or has successfully completed a KBEMS approved Emergency Medical Responder certification course through a KBEMS certified EMS-TEI within the last twenty-four (24) months;
- (d) Pays the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030;
- (e) Provides the board with a copy of a statewide criminal background check from their state of residence;
- (f) Is not an individual who has been convicted of or entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense; and
- (g) Has not been disciplined by or has action pending against or had a certificate or

license in the field of health care denied, limited, suspended, or probated by a certifying or licensing entity in Kentucky or other state or territory under the jurisdiction of the United States.

(2) Applications for temporary certification must be received no later than February 19, 2021;

(3) A temporary certificate shall expire on January 15, 2022;

(4) Applicants holding temporary certification as an EMR shall obtain unrestricted initial certification with the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services prior to January 15, 2022.

Section 9. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Emergency Medical Responder Initial Certification Application" (June 2003);

(b) "Universal Application for Recertification/Relicensure" (June 2003);

(c) "Emergency Medical Responder Certification Reinstatement Application" (June 2003);

(d) The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Administration, 1995 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician-Emergency Medical Responder; and

(e) "State of Emergency Reinstatement Application".

(f) The "Application for Downgrade."

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