

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

(Emergency Waivers and Modifications)

202 KAR 7:301. EMT.

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

- (a) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age;
- (b) Is not currently subject to disciplinary action pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A that would prevent certification;
- (c) Meets all additional requirements established by the EMS-TEI; and
- (d) Holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license or learners permit from a state or territory in the United States.

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

- (a) Meet all of the requirements of Section 1 of this administrative regulation;
- (b) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (c) Successfully complete an education and training program that conforms to the curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1994 National Standard Curriculum for Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, which shall not be satisfied by the completion of refresher or transition courses alone;
- (d) Obtain NREMT registration or provisional certification as a NREMT-B or complete a state approved EMT certification exam process;
- (e) Submit a completed and signed "Emergency Medical Technician Initial

Certification Application"; and

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

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

- (a) The applicant submits a completed and signed "Universal Application for Recertification/Relicensure"; and

- (b) The applicant pays the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030.

- (2) An application for renewal of certification shall be denied if:

- (a) Prior to the certification expiration date, the EMT applicant has not met the applicable requirements of this section; or

- (b) The applicant has been subjected to disciplinary action that prevents recertification at the time of application.

- (3) A certified EMT, in good standing, who is a member of a National Guard or a military reserve unit and 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 EMT shall submit a written request for this extension within sixty (60) days of release from active duty.

- (4) The KBEMS office may audit an EMT's continuing education and continuing education records.

- (5) The EMT shall maintain documentation of all continuing education for four years from the date of completion.

Section 4. EMT Reciprocity. (1) A person certified as an EMT, or who has been previously certified as an EMT, 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 EMT, or who has been certified as an EMT previously, shall be eligible for direct reciprocity for initial Kentucky certification as an EMT if the individual:

- (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) Submits a completed and signed "Emergency Medical Technician Reciprocity Application";
- (c) Pays the fee required by 202 KAR 7:030;
- (d) Has not been convicted of or entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony offense;
- (e) Has not been subjected to discipline that would prevent reciprocity at the time of application; and
- (f) Has successfully completed a training program, which utilized the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1994 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic 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 EMT-Basic transition course shall be considered to meet this requirement.

Section 5. Exemptions from EMT Administrative Regulations. Certification requirements for an EMT shall not apply to:

- (1) United States military personnel or state National Guard or 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 EMT 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 EMT 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 six (6) months old from the Administrative Office of the Courts; and
- (c) Evidence of previous certification as an EMT in Kentucky.

1. The burden of proof of previous certification 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 “EMT Basic Minimum Continuing Education Requirement” that includes sixteen (16) hours of continuing education, to include the following topics:

1. One (1) hour in disaster management or mass casualty incidents;
2. Two (2) hours in airway management;
3. Three (3) hours in patient assessment;
4. Four (4) hours medical or behavioral emergencies;
5. Four (4) hours in Trauma;
6. Two (2) hours in obstetrics or gynecology, infants, and children;

- (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 EMT 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 eighteen (18) 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 EMT 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 not later than February 19, 2021;

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

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

(5) Applicants who have a Kentucky Emergency Medical Responder certification that remains in good standing may complete a “downgrade” application to reinstate their Emergency Medical Responder certification if Emergency Medical Technician certification is not obtained by January 15, 2022.

(6) Individuals who completed a “downgrade” application that was not a requirement of disciplinary action between February 19, 2021, and October 15, 2021, may reinstate their temporary EMT certification no later than November 1, 2021. The fee and CEU requirements described in Section 6 shall be waived.

(7) All certifications issued through “downgrade” shall expire on December 31, 2022 and shall be eligible for renewal.

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

(a) The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, "1994 National Standard Curriculum, Emergency Medical Technician" (1994

Edition);

(b) The "Emergency Medical Technician Initial Certification Application" (June 2003);

(c) The "Universal Application Recertification/Relicensure" (June 2003);

(d) "The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services Emergency Medical Technician Minimum Continuing Education Requirements. Total Contact Hours" (June 2003);

(e) The "Emergency Medical Technician Reciprocity Application";

(f) The "State of Emergency Reinstatement application"; and

(g) The "Application for Downgrade."

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