

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

(Emergency Waivers and Modifications)

202 KAR 7:330. Requirements for examination, certification, and recertification of the advanced emergency medical technician.

Section 1. Certification Requirements. (1) An applicant for initial certification as an AEMT shall complete an educational course that:

(a) Meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Educational Standards-Instructional Guidelines for an AEMT; and

(b) Meets all educational standards established in 202 KAR 7:601.

(2) An applicant for initial certification as an AEMT in Kentucky shall pass the examination required to obtain the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification or provisional certification for an AEMT or complete a state approved EMT certification exam process.

(3) An applicant for AEMT shall complete and submit a signed EMS Responder Application.

(4) An applicant for AEMT shall pay to KBEMS the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030 for certification as an AEMT.

(5) An applicant shall undergo a background check pursuant to KRS 311A.050 and 311A.100. The background check required shall be:

(a) National in scope for an applicant not currently certified at any level in Kentucky;

(b) Statewide in scope for an applicant with current certification in Kentucky;

(c) Less than six (6) months old when the applicant submits to KBEMS all

requirements for certification; and

(d) Provided by a vendor that has been contracted through KBEMS or an official federal entity.

(6) An applicant shall not directly submit a background check. The background check shall be submitted to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services by the company or federal entity that conducts the background check.

Section 2. Scope of Practice. (1) An AEMT shall provide emergency medical services consistent with the skills and procedures in the National EMS Scope of Practice Model.

(2) An AEMT shall adhere to the protocols the employing service's medical director submitted to KBEMS for approval. Deviation from the protocols shall only occur if:

(a) The AEMT's medical director or designated on-line medical control orders otherwise;

(b) Compliance with approved protocols is not in the patient's medical best interest; or

(c) The AEMT does not have the equipment or medication to adhere to the protocol.

(3) An AEMT shall document deviation from an approved protocol as part of the patient care report.

(4) If providing emergency medical services during a disaster or emergency that qualifies as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, pursuant to KRS 39A.050 or if acting pursuant to another agreement made pursuant to KRS Chapter 39, an AEMT certified in another state may perform the skills and procedures approved by the certifying state.

Section 3. Expiration of Certification. (1) Certification periods and expiration dates shall be pursuant to KRS 311A.095.

(2) If an AEMT's certification lapses or expires, the AEMT shall cease provision of

emergency medical services.

(3) If the AEMT has chosen to maintain certification at the EMT level, the AEMT shall apply for renewal of EMT certification prior to the expiration date.

(4) An AEMT who has allowed all levels of certification to lapse or expire shall be required to reinstate certification pursuant to Section 7 of this administrative regulation.

Section 4. Renewal of Certification and Continuing Education Requirements. (1) To be eligible for renewal of certification, an AEMT shall submit to the board:

- (a) A completed and signed EMS Responder Application; and
- (b) The fee established in 202 KAR 7:030.

(2) An applicant who is subject to pending administrative action pursuant to KRS 311A.050 through 311A.090 shall be eligible to renew certification unless the applicant:

- (a) Is temporarily suspended pursuant to KRS 311A.075;
- (b) Has failed to perform an action ordered by the board pursuant to KRS 311A.055 or 311A.060; or
- (c) Is delinquent on fines or fees owed to the board pursuant to KRS 311A.055, 311A.060, or 202 KAR 7:030.

(3) A certified AEMT who is not undergoing disciplinary action with the board and who is a member of a branch of the United States military, or a National Guard or military reserve unit shall be eligible for an extension of the time limit to renew certification if the AEMT:

- (a) 1. Is called to federal active duty by presidential order pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 121 and 673b during the current certification period; or
- 2. Is called to state active duty for an extended period of time by order of the governor pursuant to KRS 38.030;

(b) Because of the call to active duty, is unable to complete the continuing education hours required for renewal of certification; and

(c) Submits a written request for an extension within thirty (30) days prior to or sixty (60) days after release from active duty.

(4) The extension granted pursuant to subsection (8) of this administrative regulation shall not exceed one (1) year beyond the effective date of release from active duty for the AEMT. The AEMT shall be required to provide a DD 214 or other relevant federal documents as proof of the release date.

(5) If asked by the office of the board to provide the documentation of continuing education hours an AEMT used as a basis for renewal of certification, the AEMT shall submit the documentation within ten (10) business days of receipt of the board's request.

(6) The ten (10) business days for submission shall not apply to investigations pursuant to KRS Chapter 311A.

Section 5. AEMT Reciprocity. (1) An individual who is certified as an AEMT, or who has been previously certified as an AEMT, in another state or territory of the United States or member of the National Guard or United States Armed Forces who is certified as an AEMT, or who has been previously certified as an AEMT, shall be eligible for direct reciprocity for initial certification as an AEMT in Kentucky if the applicant:

- (a) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) Submits a completed and signed EMS Responder Application;
- (c) Pays the fee required for initial certification through reciprocity pursuant to 202 KAR 7:030;
- (d) Has not been found guilty of or entered a guilty plea or Alford plea to a felony

offense; and

(e) Has not been subject to discipline that would prevent reciprocity at the time of application.

(2) An applicant for AEMT direct reciprocity shall undergo a national background check and have the results submitted to the board. Background checks that are older than six (6) months shall not be considered current, and the applicant shall be required to undergo another national background check prior to approval of certification through reciprocity.

(3) An AEMT certified pursuant to Section 1 of this administrative regulation shall not perform any procedures or skill on which the AEMT has not been trained. An AEMT who performs a skill for which the AEMT does not have documented training shall have exceeded the scope of practice and shall be in violation of KRS 311A.060.

Section 6. Exemptions from AEMT Administrative Regulations. Certification requirements for an AEMT shall not apply to:

(1) United States military members, state National Guard personnel, or employees of the United States government if the individual provides emergency medical services:

(a) 1. On land owned by the United States government; or

2. In facilities owned by the United States government; or

(b) 1. In the performance of official duties under federal law; or

2. As part of assistance for a mass casualty or disaster incident pursuant to federal law or official state assistance request.

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

(a) Enters Kentucky with a patient being transported to a medical facility or other final destination in Kentucky; or

(b) Travels through Kentucky during the course of a patient transport from an out-of-state location to a destination outside of Kentucky.

Section 7. State of Emergency Reinstatement of Certification. (1) An AEMT whose Kentucky certification has lapsed, may reinstate their certification 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 AEMT 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 “AEMT Minimum Continuing Education Requirement” that includes thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education, to include the following topics:
 - 1. Twelve (12) hours in airway, breathing and cardiology, with a minimum of one (1) hour in each topic;
 - 2. Six (6) hours in medical emergencies, excluding cardiology;
 - 3. Five (5) hours in trauma;
 - 4. Six (6) hours in obstetrics;
 - 5. Six (6) hours in pediatrics; and
 - 6. One (1) hour in disaster management;
- (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 8. AEMT certification through previous pilot projects. (1) An AEMT who obtained certification as an AEMT through training in a pilot project previously approved by the board shall maintain certification until the end of the current certification period without the completion of additional requirements.

(2) An AEMT certified through a previously approved pilot project who applies for renewal at the end of the current certification period shall meet all requirements for renewal of certification in Section 4 of this administrative regulation.

(3) An applicant certified as an AEMT in a previously approved pilot project and who meets the requirements for renewal of certification as an AEMT in Section 4 of this administrative regulation shall not be limited to the geographic boundaries established in the original pilot project but shall be considered fully certified and geographically unrestricted to practice as an AEMT in the state of Kentucky.

Section 9. 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 AEMT 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 Advanced 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 Technician certification that remains in good standing shall be automatically “downgraded” to their Emergency Medical Technician certification if Advanced 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 AEMT certification no later than November 1, 2021. The fee and CEU requirements described in Section 7 shall be waived.

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

Section 10. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards-Instructional Guidelines", National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 811 077A, January 2009;

(b) "EMS Responder Application", KBEMS E-1, September 2012;

(c) "American Heart Association’s Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Course", American Heart Association, 2011;

(d) "National EMS Scope of Practice Model", National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT HS 810 657, February 2007;

(e) "Kentucky Ambulance Service Specific Supplemental Curriculum for the AEMT using a noninvasive monitoring device – Application of 12 lead electrocardiogram electrodes and monitor", KBEMS E-29, March 2013;

(f) "Kentucky Ambulance Service Specific Supplemental Curriculum for the AEMT using a noninvasive monitoring device – Application and interpretation of quantitative capnography and end tidal carbon dioxide monitoring", KBEMS E-30, March 2013;

(g) "Kentucky Ambulance Service Specific Supplemental Curriculum for the AEMT using Bi- level Positive Airway Pressure and Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Devices", KBEMS E- 32, March 2013;

(h) "Kentucky Ambulance Service Specific Supplemental Curriculum for the AEMT

using intraosseous infusion in the adult", KBEMS E-31, March 2013;

(i) "Kentucky Required Mandatory Supplemental Curriculum for AEMT Initial Training Verification Report", KBEMS E-26, March 2013;

(j) "Kentucky Advanced EMT Skills Verification Report", KBEMS E-28, March 2013;

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

(l) The "Application for Downgrade."

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