

Title 19 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES
Division 30 – Division of Regulation and Licensure
Chapter 40 – Comprehensive Emergency Medical Services Systems Regulations

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

19 CSR 30-40.331 Application and Accreditation or Certification Requirements for Training Entities that Conduct Training for First Responders, Emergency Medical Dispatchers, Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic, Emergency Medical Technicians-Intermediate and Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic. The department is adding a new subsection (2)(N) and amending subsection (9)(A).

PURPOSE: The department is adding a new subsection (2)(N) and amending the rule to allow an EMT-Basic with a United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau pursuant to 19 CSR 30-40.342(2)(A) and (C)2D to test with a training entity certified by the EMS Bureau in a EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Intermediate program and complete a smaller number of clinical hours if the EMT-Basic with a United States Armed Forces license from the EMS Bureau successfully passes the tests.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.

(2) Specific Requirements for EMS Training Entities Offering Initial EMT-P Courses and EMT-I Courses.

(A) Only EMS training entities certified by the EMS Bureau to conduct initial EMT-P courses shall offer initial EMT-P and EMT-I courses.

(B) EMT-P and EMT-I students are only authorized to perform the skills and practice in accordance with the national standard curriculum for EMT-P and EMT-I and approved by the training entity medical director. The skills and practice performed by the student must be under the direct supervision of a clinical preceptor during scheduled clinicals at an approved site with a current clinical agreement and cannot be performed while on duty.

(C) EMS training entities offering initial EMT-P and EMT-I courses shall also be certified to conduct EMT-I, EMT-B, and/or first responder and/or emergency medical dispatcher, and/or EMS continuing education programs. If the training entity conducts these programs, the training entity shall also be responsible for ensuring compliance with the rules set forth for those programs.

(D) Each EMT-P training entity shall have a formal affiliation with an appropriately accredited university, senior college, community college, vocational school, technical school, or an appropriately accredited medical institution with dedication to educational endeavors. This affiliation shall include the following:

1. Ability for the EMT-P training program to require prerequisite post-secondary educational courses;

2. Responsibility by the accredited post-secondary educational institution and/or medical institution over the instructor(s) and the educational methodologies used by the EMT-P training program;

3. Access by the EMT-P training program into remedial education as may be necessary for the EMT-P training program; and

4. Access by the students to financial assistance such as, but not limited to, grants and Veteran's Benefits.

(E) Each EMT-P training program shall have a designated program director. Each EMT-P course shall have a designated primary instructor.

(F) Each EMT-P training program shall demonstrate and document that the EMT-P courses taught under its authority meet or exceed the requirements of the current national standard curriculum for EMT-P training.

(G) Training entities that provide EMT-P programs shall regularly assess the effectiveness of the training program.

(H) Clinical Requirements.

1. Each EMS training entity that provides EMT-P programs shall document and demonstrate a supervised clinical experience for all students. Each training entity shall approve or disapprove clinical preceptors.

2. Clinical affiliations shall be established and confirmed in current written affiliation agreements with institutions and agencies that provide clinical experience under appropriate medical direction and clinical supervision.

3. Students shall be assigned in clinical settings where experiences are clinically and educationally effective in achieving the program's objectives.

4. When participating in clinicals, students shall be clearly identified by name and student status using nameplate, uniform, or other apparent means to distinguish them from other personnel.

5. Clinical experience shall occur only in association with an Advanced Life Support ambulance service which demonstrates medical accountability and employs preceptors who meet the training entity requirements. Each training entity shall approve or disapprove services to be used as clinic experience sites.

6. The EMS Bureau shall establish minimum standards for clinical experiences in accordance with current clinical recommendations of the national standard curriculum for EMT-P training.

7. All EMT-I students shall be currently licensed as an EMT-B.

8. All EMT-P students shall be currently licensed as an EMT-B or an EMT-I.

(I) Examination Requirements.

1. Each EMT-P training entity shall ensure that graduating students meet entry level competence through the use of a final written and practical examination administered by that training entity.

2. Exam scores for all students shall be maintained and be made available for review by the EMS Bureau staff.

3. The EMS Bureau shall review the first attempt computer adaptive test examinations results (pass rates) from each EMT-P training entity. The computer adaptive test licensure examination pass rate for first attempt candidates from each EMT-P training entity shall be no less than the national pass rate, as documented by the National Registry of EMTs for each calendar year. The EMT-P training entity with a pass rate below the national pass rate shall:

A. First year—provide the EMS Bureau with a report analyzing all aspects of the education program and identifying areas contributing to the unacceptable pass rate and a plan of action to resolve low pass rates;

B. Second consecutive year—the program manager shall be required to appear before and present to the EMS Bureau an analysis of measures taken the first year, problems identified, and plan of correction; and

C. The training entity must appear before the EMS Bureau and provide the information outlined in (2)(I)3.B. until they have two (2) consecutive years of pass rates on the first attempt at the national pass rate.

(J) Training entities accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and/or the Committee on Accreditation for EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) shall be considered to be compliant with the rules for training entities that conduct EMT-Paramedic programs. CAAHEP and/or CoAEMSP accredited programs shall attach to their application evidence of accreditation. The EMS Bureau may conduct periodic site reviews as necessary to verify compliance.

(K) An EMT-P primary instructor must be present in at least eighty percent (80%) of all class sessions to ensure program continuity and to be able to identify that the students have cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills necessary to function as an EMT-P. This primary instructor shall have attended a workshop that reviews the format, philosophy, and skills of the curriculum.

(L) Minimum EMT-P course requirements: one thousand (1,000) hours of instruction to include:

1. Two hundred fifty (250) hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting with a Missouri licensed ambulance service;

2. Five hundred (500) hours of classroom/practical lab;

3. Two hundred fifty (250) hours of clinical hours in a health care facility; and

4. Clinical skills as outlined in the most current EMT-P National Standard Curriculum and the National Scope of Practice for EMT-P shall be the established minimums. The EMT-P National Standard Curriculum is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 1998 and the refresher course in 2001 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is available at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. The National Scope of Practice is also incorporated by reference in this rule as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2007 and is available at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(M) Minimum EMT-I course requirements: three hundred (300) hours of instruction to include:

1. Seventy-five (75) hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting with a Missouri licensed ambulance service;

2. One hundred seventy-five (175) hours of classroom/practical lab;

3. Fifty (50) hours of clinical hours in a health care facility; and

4. Clinical skills as outlined in the most current EMT-I National Standard Curriculum and the National Scope of Practice for EMT-I shall be the established minimums. The EMT-I National Standard Curriculum is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 1999 and the refresher course in 2001 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is available at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. The National Scope of Practice is also incorporated by reference in this rule as published by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 2007 and is available at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

(N) United States Armed Forces Including National Guard and Reserves Option for EMT-I and EMT-P course requirements.

1. An EMT-B licensee that was issued a license by the EMS Bureau pursuant to 19 CSR 30-40.342(2)(A) and (2)(C)2D indicating the licensee is a current or past member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves and has met the EMS Bureau's requirements for this license may present this license to a training entity certified by the EMS Bureau within two (2) years of the date of their honorable discharge if the licensee is a past member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves or at any time that the licensee is a current member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves.

2. This EMT-B licensee may request to take the final written and practical examinations from the training entity for the EMT-P or EMT-I programs. The training entity shall allow the EMT-B licensee to take the final written and practical examinations administered by the training entity for either the EMT-P or EMT-I program if the EMT-B licensee presents an EMT-B United States Armed Forces license from the Bureau of EMS indicating the licensee is a current or past member of the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves and has met the requirements in 19 CSR 30-40.342(2)(A) and (2)(C)2D.

3. The EMT-B licensee shall successfully pass the EMT-P or EMT-I final written and practical examinations as determined by the training entity's policies required in paragraph (1)(H)3 above.

4. The EMT-B licensee who successfully passes the EMT-P final written and practical examinations shall successfully complete the following with the training entity:

a. One-hundred twenty-five (125) hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting with a Missouri licensed ambulance service; and

b. One-hundred twenty-five (125) hours of clinical hours in a health care facility.

5. The EMT-B licensee who successfully passes the EMT-I final written and practical examinations shall successfully complete the following with the training entity:

a. Thirty-seven (37) hours of clinical experience in a clinical setting with a Missouri licensed ambulance service; and

b. Twenty-five (25) hours of clinical hours in a health care facility.

6. The training entity shall approve the EMT-B licensee who successfully passes the EMT-P or EMT-I final written and practical examinations and who completes the required clinical experience and clinical hours for either the EMT-P or EMT-I programs

by completing the verification form included therein 19 CSR 30-40.342 to verify the EMT-B licensee successfully passed the EMT-P or EMT-I final written and practical examinations and completed the required clinical experience and clinical hours for either the EMT-P or EMT-I programs. This completed form shall be given to the EMT-B licensee to be included with the EMT-B licensee's application for an EMT-P or EMT-I license with the EMS Bureau.

7. If an EMT-B licensee fails to successfully pass the EMT-P or EMT-I final written and practical examinations or the required clinical hours and experience as determined by the training entity's policies required in paragraph (1)(H)3 above, then the EMT-B licensee shall complete additional education for the licensure level the EMT-B licensee is seeking, either EMT-P or EMT-I, at the expense of the EMT-B licensee.

8. If the EMT-B licensee fails a second time to successfully pass the EMT-P or EMT-I final written and practical examinations or the required clinical hours and experience as determined by the training entity's policies required in paragraph (1)(H)3 above after completing the additional education at the appropriate licensure level, then the EMT-B licensee shall be required to follow the minimum training requirements at the appropriate licensure level in subsection (2)(L) above for the EMT-P program and subsection (2)(M) above for the EMT-I program.

(9) Initial licensure examination for EMT-B, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic.

(A) The EMS Bureau shall use the National Registry of EMTs examination process as the basis for initial licensure examinations for all level of EMTs **except for EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic students participating in the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves option in subsection (2)(N) above. EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic students shall follow the examination process in subsection (2)(N) above.** The EMT-Basic exam conducted in Missouri is considered "the state approved practical examination" by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. It shall serve as the state of Missouri examination used for National Registry Certification as an EMT-Basic.

1. Any student of an accredited Missouri EMT-Basic program must complete the EMT-B practical examination in Missouri.

2. If a student from a Missouri accredited EMT-B program attempts a state approved exam outside the state of Missouri, that student must complete all practical testing in that state and is ineligible from completing the Missouri EMT-B practical examination.

3. EMT-I and EMT-P candidates must complete the National Registry practical exam in Missouri or at an approved National Registry Advanced Level exam site in another state, **except for EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic candidates participating in the United States Armed Forces including National Guard and Reserves option in subsection (2)(N) above. EMT-Intermediate and EMT-Paramedic students shall follow the examination process in subsection (2)(N) above.**

(B) The EMS Bureau shall select providers of the practical licensure examination in the state of Missouri. The providers shall, with the EMS Bureau approval, operate all test sites and dates in accordance with the policies and procedures of the National Registry of EMTs and the EMS Bureau.

1. The EMS Bureau shall have oversight and review authority of all EMT-B, EMT-I, and EMT-P practical and written examinations administered in the state of Missouri used to obtain licensure.

2. Out-of-state applicants for EMT-B practical testing shall have their practical skills reviewed by a Missouri accredited EMT-B or EMT-P training entity. The training entity shall provide documentation to the EMS Bureau that verifies that the student is competent in all the skills listed in the National Standard Curriculum for EMT-B, except endotracheal intubation. The EMT-B National Standard Curriculum is incorporated by reference in this rule as published in 1994 by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is available at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Emergency Medical Services, West Building W44-314, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, NTI 140, Washington, DC 20590. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions.

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PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with Jeanne Serra, Director, Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Regulation and Licensure, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.