



MEMO

To: All Missouri Licensed EMT-Basics / Intermediates / Paramedics and First Responders
From: Les Jobe
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Re: NREMT Certification



The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) provided notice that beginning on Monday, April 13, 2015, all non-transitioned EMT-Bs (who recertified this past cycle ending March 31, 2015) will be dropped down to the EMR level.

It is important for EMT-Basics licensed in Missouri to know and consider the following:

- 1) Relicensure in the State of Missouri (for all levels of EMT) does NOT require NREMT certification.

19 CSR 30-40.342(2)(C) states in material part (emphasis added) as follows:

- (C) **EMT-Basic** (Relicensure or Step Down from EMT-P or EMT-I).
1. The applicant for relicensure shall submit with their license application to the EMS Bureau evidence of current certification with the National Registry of EMTs as an EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, or EMT Paramedic; **or**
 2. An applicant shall certify to the EMS Bureau:
 - A. That they have successfully completed one hundred (100) hours of continuing education which meet the EMS Bureau's approval criteria under 19 CSR 30-40.331, forty-eight (48) hours of which cover all elements of the EMT-B core continuing education curriculum and fifty-two (52) hours of which may be elective topics from the EMTB, EMT-I, or EMT-P curriculum;

This provides the applicant for relicensure the option of using NREMT certification or verification of completion of the required continuing education. To verify completion of required continuing education, the applicant can complete the "Declaration of CEUs" portion of their application and submit the completed form with the rest of their application documents to the Bureau of EMS for relicensure.

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- 2) As indicated in the above regulation, Missouri has a step down process from EMT-Paramedic or EMT-Intermediate. Missouri does NOT have a step down process from EMT-Basic.

NREMT's Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification is the equivalent of Missouri's First Responder certification.

Missouri establishes the following statutory and regulatory standards for First Responder (emphasis added):

190.100. As used in sections 190.001 to 190.245, the following words and terms mean:

- (21) "First responder", a person who has successfully completed an emergency first response course meeting or exceeding the national curriculum of the United States Department of Transportation and any modifications to such curricula specified by the department through rules adopted pursuant to sections 190.001 to 190.245 **and who provides emergency medical care through employment by or in association with an emergency medical response agency;**

19 CSR 30-40.331(6)

- (C) Each 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. The first responder in Missouri shall be taught and permitted to perform all skills including spinal motion restriction in the current First Responder National Standard Curriculum and the National Scope of Practice for First Responder shall be the established minimums.

As required above and as established by the "First Responder National Standard Curriculum", this is a 40-hour course specifically for First Responder certification.

An EMT-Basic in Missouri **CANNOT** simply practice as a First Responder if their license expires unless they have a certificate of completion for the above course which was taught by a Missouri accredited training entity. Verification of completion of the 40-hour First Responder Course cannot be made without the certificate issued by the Missouri accredited training entity.