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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 2015 **AUTHORIZATION:** M. Kass, Director

TITLE: Massachusetts EMT certification procedure based upon out of state licensure/certification or
 Massachusetts MD, PA, RN or NP licensure

SUPERSEDES: 6/10/2013

I. PURPOSE

To define the requirements and procedures for Massachusetts EMT certification for the following categories of individuals:

- A. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Basic in another state and holds National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification;
- B. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Basic in another state, and does not hold NREMT certification, and
- C. An individual who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION BY CATEGORY

- A. A candidate who is **currently licensed/certified in another state and holds NREMT certification** at the EMT or EMT-Basic level must submit the following:
 1. An application for Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic
 2. The required Massachusetts certification fee of \$150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 3. Documentation of current state license or certification as an EMT-Basic. This license/certification must be current, valid and in good standing when the candidate applies for Massachusetts reciprocity certification as an EMT-Basic and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic.
 4. Verification of EMT Status form completed by the state agency that issued the candidate's EMT-Basic license/certification. The Verification of EMT Status form must be received at OEMS directly from the issuing authority with the signature of the person who completed the form. **A Verification of EMT Status form must be received from every state in which the candidate has ever been licensed or certified as an EMT. Certifications that have expired must have been in good standing when they expired.**
 5. Documentation of current NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic; and
 6. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation's (ILCOR's) International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).

- B. A candidate who is **currently licensed/certified in another state and does not hold NREMT certification** at the EMT or EMT-Basic level is required to obtain NREMT certification prior to applying for Massachusetts certification. Once a candidate obtains NREMT certification and applies for Massachusetts EMT certification, they must submit a Verification of EMT Status form from the state agency in which he or she holds current EMT licensure or certification. Such a candidate must complete the following steps:
 1. **Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level, at www.nremt.org.**
 - A. Candidate must successfully meet NREMT entry requirements including but not limited to having documentation of successful education, cognitive examination, and psychomotor examination

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2. **Once the candidate has obtained NREMT certification, the candidate submits the remaining items listed in category A, above: 1 through 6.**
- C. A candidate who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician, registered nurse or nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant and **does not hold NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic**, must submit an application and the items listed below to OEMS, and simultaneously apply to NREMT, successfully complete the NREMT certification process as required by NREMT, and obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level. Such a candidate must complete the following steps:
1. Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the EMT level, at www.nremt.org.
 - A. Candidate must successfully meet NREMT entry requirements including but not limited to having documentation of successful education, cognitive examination, and psychomotor examination
 2. An application for Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic based on Massachusetts state licensure/registration as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner.
 3. The required Massachusetts certification fee of \$150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 4. A copy of current Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, nurse or nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. This license or registration must be current, valid and in good standing when the candidate applies for Massachusetts reciprocity certification as an EMT-Basic and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic.
 5. Current **BCLS** course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current CPR and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the ILCOR's CoSTR.
 6. Upon completion of Department's review and determination that candidate's reciprocity application is complete and acceptable, the Department will send the candidate:
 - A. A copy of its letter of support to the NREMT
 - B. A letter authorizing the candidate to take the Massachusetts EMT-Basic practical examination
 - C. A list of upcoming Massachusetts EMT-Basic practical examinations.

III. CATEGORIES THAT OBTAIN MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION THROUGH INITIAL CERTIFICATION

In order to obtain Massachusetts certification as an EMT, the following categories of candidates apply for **initial Massachusetts certification** as an EMT-Basic, as follows:

- A. Candidates who **hold NREMT certification** as an EMT or EMT-Basic, but **are not certified or licensed as an EMT in any state**: They apply for Massachusetts initial EMT certification
- B. Candidates who have **previously taken and failed any portion of the Massachusetts EMT-Basic examination and are still eligible to continue testing**: They must contact the NREMT directly to initiate and successfully complete the process to become NREMT certified at the EMT level. Contact the NREMT at www.nremt.org. Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic once they obtain NREMT certification.

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- C. Candidates who have **trained in-state or out-of-state as an EMT or EMT-Basic, or have training they believe is equivalent to EMT or EMT-Basic training, such as through the military, but in either case are not certified or licensed as an EMT in any state and do not hold NREMT certification as an EMT or EMT-Basic:** They must contact the NREMT directly to initiate and successfully complete the process to become NREMT certified at the EMT level. Contact the NREMT at www.nremt.org. Then they may apply for initial Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Basic once they obtain NREMT certification.