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TITLE: Massachusetts EMT-Paramedic certification procedure based upon out of state EMT-Paramedic licensure/certification

SUPERSEDES: 6/10/2013

I. PURPOSE

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

- A. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Paramedic in another state and holds National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification at the EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic level;
- B. An individual who is currently licensed or certified as an EMT-Paramedic in another state and does not hold NREMT certification at the EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic level.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION BY CATEGORY

A. A candidate who is **currently licensed or certified in another state and holds NREMT certification** at the EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic level must submit the following:

1. An application for Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Paramedic
2. The required Massachusetts certification fee of \$150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
3. Documentation of current state licensure or certification as an EMT-Paramedic. This license/certification must be current, valid and in good standing when the candidate applies for Massachusetts certification as an EMT-Paramedic and remain current and in good standing throughout the process of obtaining Massachusetts certification as an EMT- Paramedic.
4. Verification of EMT Status form completed by the state agency that issued the candidate's EMT-Paramedic license or 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-Paramedic or a Paramedic
6. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) course 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).
7. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (**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.

B. A candidate who is **currently licensed or certified in another state and does not hold NREMT certification** at the EMT-Paramedic or Paramedic level is required to obtain NREMT certification at Paramedic level prior to applying for Massachusetts certification. Once a candidate obtains NREMT Paramedic certification and applies for Massachusetts Paramedic 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 completes the following steps:

1. **Contact the NREMT directly to initiate the process to obtain NREMT certification at the Paramedic level, at www.nremt.org.**

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- a. Candidate must successfully meet NREMT entry requirements including but not limited to having documentation of successful education, cognitive examination, and psychomotor examination
2. **Once the candidate has obtained NREMT certification, the candidate submits the remaining items listed in category A, above: 1 through 7.**

III. CATEGORIES THAT OBTAIN MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATION THROUGH INITIAL CERTIFICATION

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

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