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EMS Medical Director

Chief, Emergency Medical Services

I. INTENT:

To establish the requirements for an individual to be certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-I) in Sacramento County

II. AUTHORITY:


- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.80, 1797.170, 1797.175, 1797.177, 1797.210, and 1798.200.
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, Article 3, §100078, Article 4, §100079, and Article 5, §100080.

III. POLICY:

Applicants and/or their near relatives are not permitted to sign any documentation of proof attesting to the skills, training or education for that applicant. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure impartiality and avoid potential conflicts of interest in any documentation.

In order to be certified as an EMT-I in Sacramento County, an individual must meet the requirements of one of the following eligibility categories.

- A. Initial Certification/National Registry “Reciprocal”
 - 1. Possess a current and valid National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT-B, EMT-Intermediate or EMT-P certificate and have met the certification requirements in §100079 of the California Code of Regulations.
 - 2. The expiration date of the Sacramento County certification shall be the same expiration date as stated on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certificate.
 - 3. Complete the requirements listed under **PROCEDURE, except H.**

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B. Out-of-State “Reciprocal” Certification

1. For a person who possesses a current and valid out-of-state EMT-I certificate, complete the requirements listed under **PROCEDURE, except H.**
2. For a person who possesses a current and valid out-of-state EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic certification, the expiration date shall be the same expiration date as stated on the out-of-state certification. This person shall complete the requirements listed under **PROCEDURE, except D. and G.**

IV. PROCEDURE:

Eligible candidates shall complete/meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- B. Complete an application form for Sacramento County.
- C. Complete the Health & Safety Code §1798.200 affidavit and, if needed, the Supplemental Certification Application.
- D. Present a current and valid National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT-Basic card.
- E. Present a current government issued Photo ID for identification purposes.
- F. Present a current and valid American Heart Association Healthcare Provider - CPR card or equivalent.
- G. Present a valid EMT-I course completion record of training equivalent to the United States Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Technician National Standards Curriculum within the last two (2) years, and have met the certification requirements in §100078 and/or §100079 of the California Code of Regulations and/or appropriate licensure (challenge, out-of-state, or reciprocal certification).

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- H. Present proof of passing, within 12 months prior to the date of the completed application, a competency based skills exam from an approved training program by submitting a completed skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (07/03), with original signatures. An original signature, on the skills competency verification form, by a manager/officer of an approved EMS provider with the statement “all signatures valid” will accepted in-lieu of an original skill signature.
- I. Submit a Department of Justice Live Scan background check and Federal Bureau of Investigations background check (if applicable) according to Sacramento County Emergency Medical Service (SCEMS) policy #4055, Criminal Background Checks. Applicants who hold a valid California EMT-P License and have received a background check initiated by the State EMS Authority are exempt from this requirement.
- J. Pay the SCEMS application fee.

V. SPECIAL NOTES:

Certification applications that are not completed after one (1) year shall be considered abandoned and shall be discarded.

Cross Reference: Certification/Accreditation Review Process, PD# 4050
 Criminal Background Checks, PD# 4055
 EMT-I Recertification, PD# 4150