

MCCP/MCCN Recertification Policy and Procedures

PURPOSE: To establish requirements necessary for all applicants seeking certification and authorization to be credentialed and practice at the Mobile Critical Care Paramedic/Nurse level.

POLICY: To ensure consistent standards and procedures for certifying as a Mobile Critical Care Paramedic (MCCP) and Mobile Critical Care Nurse (MCCN) in West Virginia.

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** West Virginia MCCP/MCCN certifications shall expire March 31.
- B.** Submit a current complete application form to WVOEMS between April 1 and December 31 of the prior year of expiration. Online application available at www.wvoems.org/ecert. The application deadline is 90 days prior to expiration. Example: expire March 31 must submit by December 31.
 - 1. Submit the appropriate fees as required in WV §64 CSR 48-6.9.
 - 2. Continuously meet all requirements for EMS personnel as described in WV §64 CSR 48-6.
 - 3. Disclose any limitation or exclusion by any EMS agency, EMS Medical Director, or any other healthcare profession certification or licensing authority in any state, territory, or the U.S. Military Services.
 - 4. In cases where a lapse in certification has occurred and there is no background check on file with WVOEMS, the applicant will be required to apply for and be cleared by the State and National background checks for WVOEMS as required in WV §16- 4C-8.1.1
- C. Initial Recertification:**
 - 1. Individuals with less than 3 years remaining on paramedic certification will be required to recertify their MCCP/MCCN with proof of 1 set of CCT Refresher and 1 set of CCT Skills to align their paramedic and MCCP/MCCN expirations of March 31 every 4 years.
 - 2. Individuals with 3 years or more remaining on their paramedic certification will be required to recertify their MCCP/MCCN with proof of 2 set of CCT

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D. West Virginia Recertification Course – All West Virginia certified MCCP/MCCN are required to meet recertification course standards as outlined below.

1. Successful completion of a Critical Care Transport (CCT) refresher course approved by WVOEMS. This course consists of 4 modules. (16 hours) once every 2 years. Recertification requirements may also be met via a 16-hour review course approved by the International Board of Specialty Certifications (IBSC). The IBSC course(s) may be used once in a 4 year period and may be online or live. Course completion must be placed on CCT Continuing Education Record form.
2. CCT Biennial Skills Evaluation must be completed once every two (2) years through an approved WVOEMS CCT Educational Institute. Proof of completion must be on the CCT Biennial Skills Evaluation form.

Both the CCT Continuing Education Record Form and the CCT Biennial Skills Evaluation Form must be signed by the CCT Instructor and Medical Director prior to submitting the forms to WVOEMS Certification Section.

E. MCCN must maintain a current, unrestricted Registered Nurse license in West Virginia or possess a current, unrestricted Registered Nurse license in any state which participates in the Enhanced Nursing Licensure compact (eNLC).

F. Current MCCP's that have obtained an unrestricted Registered Nurse license in West Virginia; or possess a current, unrestricted RN License in any state that participates in the Enhanced Nursing Licensure Compact (eNLC) may submit their license to WVOEMS to be endorsed under the following restrictions:

1. The Registered Nurse must practice as an RN for a minimum of three (3) years in an ER or ICU setting – **OR** – document a minimum of 1000 hours practicing as an RN in an ER or ICU setting.
2. This certification will expire on the same date as their initial MCCP endorsement. All recertification requirements must be met.

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G. Additional Continuing Education – will be met by maintaining Paramedic National Registry requirements and State certification additional continuing education requirements, MCCP/MCCN will be able to utilize those additional Continuing Education requirements to meet the MCCP/MCCN additional continuing education requirements. Proof of completion of the following courses in the National Registry State Education Tracking System (S.E.T.S.) will go towards both Paramedic Recertification, as well as, MCCP/MCCN Recertification. Providers will complete their SETS application once every four years, prior to their application for West Virginia MCCP/MCCN certification renewal.

1. Haz Mat awareness meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards annually. (**3 hours** awarded and required annually)
2. WVOEMS **ALS** Protocol review. (**2 hours** awarded and required annually)
3. MCI or Disaster Management related training to include mass casualty drills totaling a minimum of **2 hours** biennial. (4 hours per WVOEMS Recertification.)
4. Successfully complete an approved CPR training/refresher course meeting WV §64 CSR 48-6.7.a.4. at the professional/healthcare provider level. (**4 hours** awarded every 2 years)
5. MCCP/MCCN also **requires** successful **course completion, practical evaluation, and written exam** of the following courses every 2 years (biennial):
 - ACLS Refresher (or equivalent WVOEMS approved cardiac life support course)
 - PHTLS or ITLS Refresher (or equivalent WVOEMS approved course)
 - PEPP or PALS Refresher (or equivalent WVOEMS approved course)

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NOTE: Individuals are not required to obtain a certification card in each discipline respectively but must have verification of course completion.

- H. National Registry:** MCCP/MCCN will recertify utilizing National Registry in the following manner:
1. Complete all requirements for recertification outlined by National Registry.
 2. All education shall be submitted online via National Registry's online platform.
 3. Complete the appropriate State Education Tracking System (S.E.T.S.) application every four (4) years prior to renewal of your WVOEMS certification.
 4. MCCP/MCCN will have to complete (2) S.E.T.S. applications. One to maintain Paramedic Certification for National Registry and State and once every (4) years for MCCP/MCCN State Certification.
- I. Lapse of MCCP/MCCN Component:** Provided that an MCCP/MCCN maintain their primary certification, they will be granted a one (1) year grace period to regain the CCT component. Should they fail to complete the required education, they will be required to complete the entire initial CCT program again.

This policy replaces all previous policies for MCCP/MCCN Recertification. APPLICABLE CODE/RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6 and §16-4C-8 and §64 CS 48-6.



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