

West Virginia Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians Initial Certification Policy and Procedures

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PURPOSE

To establish requirements necessary for all applicants seeking certification and authorization to be credentialed and practice at the West Virginia Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) level.

POLICY

To ensure consistent standards and procedures for certifying as an AEMT in West Virginia.

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS

To become certified, individuals **must** complete the following in order:

- A. Create or maintain a valid National Registry account.
- B. Possess a current West Virginia and National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) certification.
- C. Complete an AEMT education program through an institution accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in a manner prescribed under the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).
- D. Successfully complete and pass all practical skills evaluations for the AEMT level of certification as outlined by the National Registry.
- E. Successfully complete and pass the National Registry AEMT cognitive examination.
- F. Successfully complete the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) approved AEMT Scope of Practice Modules expanding the scope of practice in West Virginia. These hours are additional to the National Registry program but may apply congruently if conducting a joint AEMT/Paramedic program.
 - a. West Virginia AEMT Cardiology Component (20 hours)
 - b. West Virginia AEMT Pharmacology Component (50 hours)
 - c. West Virginia AEMT Clinical Component (124 hours)
 - d. West Virginia AEMT Field Component (76 hours)

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- G. Successfully complete an OEMS approved Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) course.
- H. Successfully complete an OEMS approved Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)/International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) course.
- I. Successfully complete an OEMS approved Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)/Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP) course.
- J. Successfully complete the initial AEMT protocol course (4-hour course).
- K. Successfully complete Hazmat Awareness training meeting OSHA 1910.120 or higher standards.
- L. Successfully complete an OEMS approved Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Awareness and Operations training (6-hours).
- M. Successfully complete an approved cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course at the professional/healthcare (basic life support (BLS) provider) level.
- N. Create or maintain an account on the current West Virginia License Management System.
- O. Successfully complete and pass the West Virginia Expanded Scope of Practice cognitive examination.
 - a. Once all requirements have been met (expanded scope of practice modules, including clinical and ride time hours), the instructor will contact OEMS to schedule the initial state AEMT expanded scope of practice cognitive exam.
- P. Apply for certification by completing an online application [here](#). If the link does not work, copy, and paste the following address:

<https://westvirginia.imagetrendlicense.com/lms/public/portal#/login>.
- Q. Submit the appropriate fees as required in W. Va. Code §64 CSR 48-6.9.
- R. Be 18 years of age or older.
- S. Disclose any limitation or exclusion by any emergency medical services (EMS) agency, EMS Medical Director, or any other healthcare professions certification or licensing authority in any state, territory, or the U.S. Military Services.

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- T. Apply for and be cleared by the state and national background checks for OEMS as required in W. Va. Code §16- 4C-8.1.1.
- U. Meet all other requirements established by the Commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health.
- V. Proof of education shall be submitted in the National Registry State Educations Tracking System (SETS) online platform.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

An Emergency Medical Responders (EMR)/EMT/AEMT/Paramedic certified by OEMS must be continually certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) during the duration of their OEMS certification. Failure to retain uninterrupted national certification will result in the immediate suspension of certification and the right to practice in West Virginia.

This policy replaces all previous policies for AEMT initial certification.

Applicable Code/Rule: W. Va. Code §16-4C-6, §16-4C-8, and §64.48.6.

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