

# EMT

## Licensure Requirements

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### Initial Requirements

1. In order to be scheduled for an examination, an individual must first apply for Florida certification.
2. Apply to the NREMT at [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org).
  - a. Graduates of Florida programs will apply for certification
  - b. All others will apply for assessment for Florida.
3. If you are unable to attend the examination on your scheduled date, please contact Pearson-Vue 1-866-673-6896 or visiting the Pearson VUE website at [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com).
4. For **RE-EXAMS** you need to reapply to both Florida and the NREMT, and pay the applicable fees.

### Eligibility Requirements and Mandatory Documentation

To be eligible for certification as a Florida EMT or Paramedic, an applicant must

- Submit the completed application.
- Complete the required education which includes HIV/AIDS training or meet education requirements in one of the five ways listed under **Professional Education** below.
- Hold a current Florida approved CPR, or ACLS certification at the appropriate level for the certification sought. <http://www.fl-ems.com/TrainTest/TrainTest.html>
- Successfully pass a department required examination, and
- Pay the appropriate fees.

### Professional Education

You may comply with the EMT or Paramedic professional education requirements in a number of ways.

- **Florida Training** - Successful completion of EMT or paramedic course from a Florida Department of Health approved program <http://www.fl-ems.com/TrainTest/TrainTest.html>. You must pass the Florida required exam within one year of course completion.
- **Out of State Certification** - An EMT or paramedic certificate from another US state, territory, or possession, or from a military service may be recognized as a professional education equivalent, provided the certificate is current and in [Good Standing](#) (pdf - 39kb) (DH Form 1164)

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- **National Registration** -An EMT or paramedic registration from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians can be recognized as a professional education equivalent, provided the certificate is current and in **Good Standing** (<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/EMT-Paramedic/Printable-Forms/1164.pdf>) (pdf - 39kb). This type of certification is recognized for individuals who have taken an EMT or paramedic course while serving with the military. You are required to submit a copy of your National Registry certificate.
- **Health Professional Licensure** - Florida licensed physician, dentist, or nurse may apply for certification as a paramedic and subsequently challenge the paramedic exam, provided he/she holds a Florida EMT certificate which is current and in good standing. You are required to submit a copy of your current Florida license or registration.
- **FL Paramedic Certification** - A Florida certified paramedic may use his/her paramedic certificate, provided that it is current and in good standing, to satisfy the professional education requirements for certification as an EMT. You must indicate your current paramedic certificate number for us to verify your certification and standing.

### Professional Rescuer Certification

An applicant for EMT certification must hold **one** of the following:

- An American Red Cross CPR for Professional Rescuer card,
- An American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider or
- A CPR equivalent certification from an organization approved by the Bureau of EMS pursuant to 64E-2.038, Florida Administrative Code.  
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/ems/TrainTest/CPR-ALSWebListing2-2009.pdf>  
(pdf - 36kb)

**Note:** A copy of both sides of the signed CPR/professional rescuer card must be submitted with your application.

An applicant for Paramedic certification must hold **one** of the following:

- A current American Heart Association ACLS or
- An ACLS equivalent certification from an organization approved by the Bureau of EMS pursuant to 64E-2.038, Florida Administrative Code.  
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/ems/TrainTest/CPR-ALSWebListing2-2009.pdf>  
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**Note:** A copy of both sides of the ACLS card must be submitted with your application.

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### Additional Documentation Requirements

**Felony Status** - If you have been convicted or pled no contest, regardless of adjudication, to a felony charge, you are required to submit certified documentation of the date, location, facts, disposition of each charge, and, as applicable, documentation of the status of your civil rights after the felony conviction. You must submit a copy of the dispensation, sentence, arrest warrant, and judgment of each felony, all probation documents, any documents that are relevant to each felony, and your explanation of the offense(s) and any other arrests. You may submit any current letters of recommendation from your employer, probation officer, or other community leaders that you would like to have considered in this review.

**Exam Requirements** - All EMT and paramedic certification applicants must take and pass the state required examination to become Florida certified. The required EMT exam is developed by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and the paramedic examination is state-developed. Prior to receiving Florida certification, each applicant must pass the Florida approved examination.

- EMT candidates who received their training at a Florida approved EMT program will take the NREMT certification examination.
- EMT candidates who are currently certified in good standing by another U.S. state or territory or by NREMT will take the NREMT written basic assessment exam
- Paramedic candidates will take the state-developed examination.

**ADA Accommodations** - Special testing accommodations for paramedics may be requested through Practitioner Reporting and Examination Services (<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/Exam/spectest.htm>).

For EMT please contact the NREMT at (614)888-4484.

**Fees** - Fees must be submitted with your application and request for exam scheduling. Fees are payable to Department of Health or Medical Quality Assurance (MQA). Application fees are non-refundable. A money order or cashier's check should be submitted.

Certification application and exam fee -

- EMT = \$35 (plus \$70 exam fee to the NREMT)
- Paramedic = \$45 (plus a \$40 exam fee to the Vendor)
- EMT Refresher equivalent exam fee = \$40 (payable to Department of Health)
- Paramedic refresher equivalent exam fee = \$40 (payable to the vendor)

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**Mailing Requirements** - Mail application, required documentation, and applicable fees to:

Department of Health  
Division of Medical Quality Assurance  
Attn: EMT-Paramedic Certification Office  
P.O. Box 6330  
Tallahassee FL 32399-6330  
Contact Phone Number (850)-245-4910