

SUBJECT: **ADVANCED EMT CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION**

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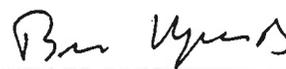
- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.170, 1797.175, 1797.210 and 1798.
- II. **Purpose:** To establish the requirements for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) certification/recertification in San Diego County.
- III. **Policy:**
 - A. To be eligible for certification as an AEMT in San Diego County, the candidate must meet the following criteria:
 1. **Initial Certification:**
 - a. Possess a current EMT certificate issued in the State of California.
 - b. Must hold a valid AEMT course completion record from an approved AEMT training program.
 - c. Pass, by pre-established standards developed and/or approved by the AEMT certifying authority, a competency-based written and skills certifying examination.
 - d. Completion of a statement that the individual is not precluded from certification for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
 - e. Completion of an AEMT certification application form.
 - f. Must submit to a Live-scan criminal background check from the California Department of Justice and FBI Criminal background check for County of San Diego, EMS Branch (separate from any agency requirement), if not previously submitted.
 - g. Must submit a photograph for identification purposes.
 - h. Application for certification must be made within one (1) year of being issued an

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AEMT Course Completion record.

- i. For out-of-county applicants, AEMTs will successfully complete an accreditation workshop as prescribed by County of San Diego EMS. This workshop shall not be less than six (6) hours nor exceed 12 hours in length, and will include:
 - (1) Orientation to the local EMS system policies, procedures and protocols, radio communications, hospital/facility destination policies/practices, and other unique system features.
 - (2) Training and/or testing in any AEMT-specific procedures authorized by the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director, in which the individual has not been trained or tested.

2. Recertification:

- a. Hold a current AEMT certificate in the State of California.
- b. Successfully complete an approved refresher course within the two (2) years prior to application for recertification, or
- c. Complete 36 hours of approved continuing education (CE) within two (2) years prior to application for recertification.
- d. Present a current CPR Card (Health Care Provider/Professional Rescuer or equivalent).
- e. Submit to a Live-scan from the California Department of Justice and FBI criminal background check if not yet completed for County of San Diego EMS.
- f. Submit a complete skills competency verification form.

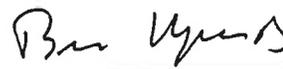
3. Lapse in Certification:

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- a. For a lapse within six months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for re-certification.
- b. For a lapse of six (6) months or more, but less than twelve (12) months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for recertification and complete an additional twelve (12) hours of continuing education for a total of forty-eight (48) hours of training.
- c. For a lapse of twelve (12) months or more, but less than twenty-four (24) months, the individual shall comply with the original requirements for recertification and complete an additional twenty four (24) of continuing education, for a total of sixty (60) hours of training, and the individual shall pass the written and skills certification exam mentioned previously in section A.
- d. For a lapse of greater than twenty-four months the individual shall complete the entire AEMT training course and comply with the original requirements for initial certification.

4. Notification responsibilities:

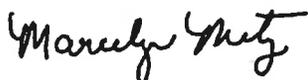
The AEMT shall be responsible for notifying County of San Diego EMS of her/his proper and current mailing and residential address and shall notify County of San Diego EMS in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any and all changes of the mailing and residential address, giving both the old and the new address, and AEMT registry number.

5. AEMT Certification Denial:

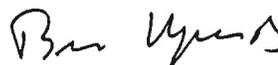
An application for certification or recertification shall be denied without prejudice and

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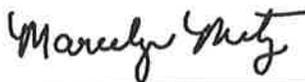
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does not require an administrative hearing, when an applicant does not meet the requirements for certification or recertification, including but not limited to:

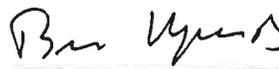
- a. Failure to pass a certification or recertification examination,
- b. Lack of sufficient continuing education or documentation of a completed refresher course,
- c. Failure to furnish additional information or documents requested by the certifying entity
- d. Failure to pay any required fees

The denial shall be in effect until all requirements for certification or recertification are met. If a certificate expires before recertification requirements are met, the certificate shall be deemed a lapsed certificate and subject to the provision pertaining to lapsed certificates.

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