

NONRULE POLICY DOCUMENT

TITLE: EMS – Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Initial Certification Examinations and Assessments

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Overview

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Indiana EMS Commission develop this policy to provide guidance for initial certification practical skills examinations and assessments for advanced EMTs (AEMT).

Background

This policy addresses initial certifications for AEMT either by completing the Indiana course or by reciprocity applicants with the following rule provisions impacted:

836 IAC 4-7-2(a) Certification provisions; general (AEMT)

836 IAC 4-7-4(a) Advanced emergency medical technician certification based on reciprocity

This policy change is necessitated by the national trend in healthcare professions and the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) to move from having hands on practical examinations to more knowledge-based assessments. As of July 1, 2024, the NREMT no longer requires a psychomotor assessment. It is noted that the cognitive examination does include practical analysis questions.

This policy also impacts the AEMT course requirements “as approved by the Commission.”

Policy

A. Changes to the Indiana AEMT training course

1. Training institutions are responsible for ensuring the Student Minimum Competencies approved by the EMS Commission are met.
2. Training institutions must complete IDHS developed paperwork for verification of the AEMT student minimum competencies and skills proficiencies.
3. IDHS is authorized to develop a compliance and audit program to monitor compliance of skills proficiencies by training institutions.

B. Initial certification requirements for individuals completing an Indiana AEMT course.

1. For the Commission approved written examination, the requirement is successful completion of the National Registry of EMTs AEMT examination as determined by current NREMT testing standards.
2. For the “Commission approved practical skills examinations and assessments” the Commission will accept the following to be compliant:
 - a. Successful completion of the NREMT cognitive or written examination.
 - b. Successful completion of an Indiana approved AEMT course with the appropriate written verifications of skills proficiency completed by the training institution in accordance with the process IDHS establishes.

C. Initial certification requirements for reciprocity applicants.

1. For the Commission approved written examination, the requirement is successful completion of the National Registry of EMTs AEMT examination as determined by current NREMT testing standards.
2. For the “Commission approved practical skills examinations and assessments” the Commission will accept the following to be compliant:
 - a. Successful completion of the NREMT cognitive or written examination; and
 - b. Evidence of another state certification as an AEMT or a current NREMT AEMT certification that was obtained less than two (2) years ago.
 - I. If the applicant does not have either of those requirements, the applicant may submit a verification of skills proficiencies at the AEMT level co-signed by the affiliating certified ALS EMS provider organization and the affiliating medical director.