

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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EMT CERTIFICATION (INITIAL)

I. PURPOSE

To specify the requirements and procedure for initial Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification in Monterey County.

II. POLICY

To initially certify as an EMT, an applicant must satisfy all relevant state regulations. If this policy should be superseded by changes in state regulations, then the EMS Agency practice will be adjusted accordingly, until this policy can be revised and disseminated. Note: Completing the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) exam and issuance of the NREMT card still requires the applicant to be independently certified in California to perform EMT level services.

III. REFERENCES

- A. Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code
- B. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 9, Chapter 2

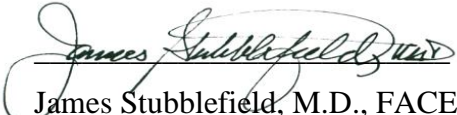
IV. PROCEDURE

- A. Submit all of the following documents to the Monterey County EMS Agency:
 - 1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age; documented by a copy of a California Driver License, California ID, or U.S. passport.
 - 2. Provide a copy of a current CPR/AED card that is AHA equivalent and includes skills demonstration.
 - 3. Completed Monterey County EMS Application for EMT Certification. A written explanation (with appropriate documentation) of any affirmative affidavit response is required and needs to accompany the application.
 - 4. A copy of a current National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) Certificate Card.
 - 5. Completed Department of Justice LiveScan application.
 - a. All DOJ LiveScan issues need to be adjudicated and resolved prior to certification.
 - b. LiveScan is only required to be submitted once unless changing certifying entity or certification lapse of one (1) year or more.
 - c. The application will not be processed until the LiveScan results have been received by the EMS Agency.

6. A money order or cashiers' check for \$75 issued to the EMS Authority.
 7. Provide a copy of an EMT Basic Course Completion Certificate from an approved EMT Basic Course provider. The course completion certificate is valid for two (2) years from the course completion date to apply for EMT certification.
 8. Disclose any prior and/or current certification, licensure, or accreditation actions:
 - a. Against an EMT or Advanced EMT certificate, or any denial of certification by a LEMSA, including active investigations.
 - b. Against a Paramedic license, or any denial of licensure by the State EMS Authority, including any active investigations.
 - c. Against any EMS related certification or license of another state or other issuing entity, including denials and any active investigations
 - d. Against any health-related license.
 9. Disclose any pending or current criminal investigation, pending criminal charges, or any prior felony and/or misdemeanor convictions.
 10. Disclose each certifying entity or LEMSA to which the applicant has applied for certification in the previous twelve (12) months.
- B. All of the necessary documents must be received by the EMS Agency within the relevant time limits specified above. An application will not be processed until all of the necessary documents are received and accepted. Illegible photocopies will not be accepted. The EMS Agency may return any incomplete or abandoned application by U.S. Postal Service to the applicant's last known address.
- C. The EMS Agency will electronically issue a forty-five (45) day temporary wallet-sized certificate to eligible applicants. The certificate will contain the following information:
1. The name of the individual certified.
 2. The assigned EMT California Central Registry certification number.
 3. The date the certification is effective
 4. The date certification expires.
 5. The status of the EMT certification (i.e., active, probation, denied, suspended, expire, etc.).
 6. The name and location of the EMT certifying authority (Monterey County EMS Agency).
 7. The name and signature of the individual (EMS Medical Director) authorized to certify, or facsimile of same.
 8. A statement that the individual named on the card has fulfilled the requirements for certification as an EMT in California.
- D. The EMS Authority will print the regular EMT certificate (card) which the EMS Agency will send to the applicant's mailing address by USPS.

- E. Under normal circumstances, the certificate will be issued within thirty (30) days after the applicant has satisfied the certification requirements, has no issues reported through the National Practitioner Data Bank, and resolved any outstanding LiveScan issues.
- F. The effective date of EMT certification shall be the date the applicant satisfactorily completes all certification requirements.
- G. The EMT certification expiration date:
 - 1. Certification as an EMT shall be no more than two (2) years from the effective date of issuance. The certification expiration date will be the last day of the final month of the two (2) year period.
 - 2. A person who possesses a current and valid out-of-state EMT, EMT-Intermediate, or Paramedic certification, or a current and valid National Registry EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, or Paramedic certification, the expiration date shall be the same expiration date as stated on the out-of-state or National Registry certification; but in no case shall the expiration date of the certification exceed two (2) years from the effective date.
 - 3. An individual currently certified as a California AEMT or licensed as a California Paramedic shall have an EMT expiration date that is the same as the current AEMT certificate or Paramedic license.

END OF POLICY


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