

# ONE-YEAR ALIGNMENT WITH NREMT

All individuals with Massachusetts certification expiring 2015 (MA2015) and NREMT certification expiring 2016 (NR2016) need to follow the steps outlined on this page. Please read it carefully.

**OVERVIEW:** In an effort to ease the challenges of maintaining NREMT certification and Massachusetts state certification on opposing certification cycles, the Department has made the following changes:

- All your training is captured or entered into the NREMT website. The Department will have the ability to verify these training records at the time of state recertification. This will eliminate the need to track training in two places.
- All EMS agencies will be registered in the NREMT site, which means more training information can be submitted into the system by your agency's Training Officers and less by you.
- Massachusetts and the NREMT now have the same continuing education recertification requirements.

#### HOW:

- All training records need to be entered in one location, so no EMT will have both an NREMT.org and MASSEMT.org account for tracking their own training. For this reason, all EMS personnel who hold NREMT certification in addition to their Massachusetts certifications will be required to align recertification cycles.
- With submission of the appropriate alignment form, your Massachusetts OEMS certification expiration will be extended one year to align with your NREMT certification expiration. If you did not receive the alignment form, email [oems.recert@state.ma.us](mailto:oems.recert@state.ma.us) for a copy.
- This will be done by submitting a prorated recertification payment of \$75; this "One Year Off-Cycle Alignment" will need to be submitted by February 15, 2015 in order to ensure you have your new Massachusetts certification card processed prior to the 4/1/2015 expiration.

**Important to note:** All individuals with NREMT certification expiring 2015 (NR2015) and Massachusetts certification expiring 2016 (MA2016) need to recertify their NREMT certification before completing the one year alignment process.

# MARK KING INITIATIVE (LAPSED NREMT)

All individuals with **lapsed NREMT** certification and **current Massachusetts** certification at the **same level** will need to complete the Mark King Initiative and follow the steps outlined on this page. Please read it carefully.

**OVERVIEW:** NREMT certification documents that you have passed NREMT examination standards for your applicable level of EMS personnel. As it works in other states, Massachusetts certification is your state authorization to work in the Commonwealth as an EMS provider at your level. Both certifications are important to your credentials as an EMS provider. We wanted to highlight a few changes here in Massachusetts which will make maintaining both these certifications (NREMT and Massachusetts) more convenient.

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#### HOW:

- Create an account on the NREMT website if you do not already have one; request user role of "Nationally certified EMS professional."
- Log into account and select "Manage your NREMT profile"; complete demographic information and save.
- From the menu, select "CBT Candidates", then select "Mark King Initiative"; select Massachusetts and follow the prompts.
- You will be issued a new NREMT certification. In order to work in Massachusetts you will need to maintain a state certification. If your MA and NREMT certification dates are 1 year apart, you will need to complete the 1 year alignment process outlined above. If your MA and NREMT certification dates are 2 years apart, you will need to enter your Massachusetts continuing education into your NREMT education profile and complete step-3 (the state application) in order to renew.

**Important to note:** All individuals with lapsed NREMT certification will need to complete the MKI process in order to recertify their Massachusetts certification by 03/31/2015.