

# UNAFFILIATED RECERTIFICATION

Individuals who do not have an EMS agency to affiliate with need to follow the steps outlined below. Please read it carefully.

**OVERVIEW:** Individuals who do not have an EMS agency to affiliate with are considered “unaffiliated.” Per NREMT standards, EMS agencies may be any entity that provides emergency medical response; these agencies must be registered on the NREMT website with a training officer in order for EMS personnel to be able to affiliate. If you are truly unaffiliated, you will need to become affiliated with your regional EMS office per the instructions below; your regional office will act as your training officer and process/review your continuing education records. Please be sure to retain any course certificates or proof of attendance/completion for this audit.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person who is certified as a Massachusetts EMT (at any level), who does not hold National Registry status and is not currently associated with an ambulance service, EFR service or first responder agency is considered unaffiliated. Please note that many agencies, such as Ski Patrol, Police, or Search & Rescue will qualify for their own agency status. These organizations should consider setting up an agency. Discuss this option with the appropriate supervisor or training officer if you are associated with such an agency. *Before selecting unaffiliated, please ensure there is no other agency more appropriate to affiliate with.*

National Registered EMTs should change to “inactive” status if they are not working for an agency and should not select “unaffiliated.” Nationally Registered EMTs will remain able to be Massachusetts certified if they are listed as “inactive” with the NREMT.

**HOW:** The EMS regions to affiliate with are listed under the agency drop down menu as: “Unaffiliated – Region [1 through 5]”. You will select the region based on your residential address. See below for a list of EMS regions and how to find which one you reside in.

**DOCUMENTATION:** You will need to retain proof of any courses you have taken. Proof can be:

1. Printed copy of credits listed at the OEMS “EMT Continuing Education Credit Hours Archive” located at: <http://db.state.ma.us/dph/oems/default.asp>
2. For any courses not listed previously on OEMS “EMT Continuing Education Credit Hours Archive” you will need to list them on the “Unaffiliated Continuing Education Record Audit Sheet” and submit at least one of the following for each course:
  - Copies of Course Completion Certificates
  - Copies of OEMS Course Rosters
  - Copies of Special Continuing Education Record

*Contact the EMS Region in which you reside for specific instructions on how to submit proof of approved course completion. In general, documentation is preferred to be submitted electronically.*

## EMS REGIONS:

- Region 1 – Western Massachusetts: <http://www.wmems.org/> - [wmems@wmems.org](mailto:wmems@wmems.org)  
Region 2 – Central Massachusetts: <http://www.cmemsc.org/> - [dbarletta@cmemsc.org](mailto:dbarletta@cmemsc.org)  
Region 3 – Northeastern Massachusetts: <http://www.neems.org/> - [neems@neems.org](mailto:neems@neems.org)  
Region 4 – Metro Boston: <http://www.mbemsc.org/> - [RecertRegionIV@mbemsc.org](mailto:RecertRegionIV@mbemsc.org)  
Region 5 – Southeastern Massachusetts: <http://www.semaems.com/> - [ems@semaems.com](mailto:ems@semaems.com)

*What region are you in?*

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/emergency-services/trauma-region-map.pdf>

# OUT-OF-STATE RECERTIFICATION

Individuals who are not working for a Massachusetts EMS agency and not living in Massachusetts are considered OUT-OF-STATE and need to follow the steps outlined below. Please read it carefully.

**OVERVIEW:** You are considered out-of-state if you are not working for a Massachusetts EMS agency and not living in Massachusetts.

**Massachusetts only Certification:** You will need to affiliate as “MA Unaffiliated—Out of State” on the [massemt.org](http://massemt.org) website and follow the unaffiliated instructions above. The state EMS office will act as your “training officer.” You will need to email [oems.recert@state.ma.us](mailto:oems.recert@state.ma.us) stating your status as unaffiliated out-of-state in order to start the process.

**Massachusetts & NREMT Certification:** You will not be participating in the NCCP (a pilot program Massachusetts is participating in). You will need to recertify your NREMT certification based on the NREMT standards for the state in which you reside. Once you recertify your NREMT you will be eligible to complete STEP 3, the Massachusetts state application.