

PURPOSE: To establish requirements necessary for all applicants seeking reinstatement and authorization to be credentialed and practice at the EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic level in West Virginia.

POLICY: To ensure consistent standards and procedures for reinstating as an EMR, EMT, or Paramedic in West Virginia.

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

A. All certifications shall be renewed every two (2) years

B. EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic certification shall expire March 31

C. EMR certifications shall expire September 30

D. Lapse In Certification – West Virginia State Card Only

1. EMVO

a. Lapsed EMVO certifications require completing all requirements of initial certification at the EMVO level

2. EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic (applies to all of these levels)

a. Candidates that maintain continuous National Registry certification or a continuous National Registry SLO account but have allowed their West Virginia certification to expire may regain West Virginia certification by meeting the requirements of this policy and completing a reinstatement application through their respective Image Trend account.

b. Applicants shall be required to apply for and be cleared by the State and National background checks for WVOEMS as required in WV §16- 4C-8.1.1

c. Applicant shall be required to meet the following education requirements:

i. Current CPR for BLS Healthcare provider card

ii. Current year Initial West Virginia Statewide Protocol Course

iii. WVOEMS approved MCI refresher taken within the past year

iv. WVOEMS approved Hazardous Materials Awareness or higher course meeting OSHA 1910.120 taken within the past year

3. Additional EMR Requirements

a. Completion of a WVOEMS approved skills module (EMR module 3)

4. Additional EMT Requirements
 - a. Completion of a WVOEMS approved skills module (EMT Refresher Mod 6)
5. Additional WV AEMT, and Paramedic Requirements
 - a. Hold a current ACLS, PHTLS or ITLS, and PEPP, EPC or PALS card

E. Lapse in National Registry certification or National Registry SLO account

NOTE: West Virginia is a National Registry state with certification expiration dates aligning with National Registry certification expiration dates. If your National Registry certification lapses, your West Virginia state certification will also be expired.

1. Candidates that have a lapsed National Registry certification and lapsed state certification, including a lapsed equivalent state-recognized certification and want to gain National Registry certification, you must meet the following requirements:
 - a. EMR Level
 - i. Providers with a lapsed National Registry EMR certification must complete an entire state approved Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course.
 - ii. Successful completion of a state approved psychomotor examination
 - iii. Successful completion of the EMR National Registry cognitive examination
 - b. EMT Level
 - i. 40 hours of continuing education that meets all requirements of the National Continued Competency Program within the past two years.
 - ii. The National Registry accepts [State EMS Office](#) approved and [CAPCE](#) accredited education, education from EMS education programs, and U.S. accredited academic credit or college course. *All education must be directly related to EMS patient care.*
 - iii. Successful completion of a state approved psychomotor examination for the level you are applying
 - iv. Successful completion of the National Registry cognitive (knowledge) examination for the level you are applying
 - v. Passed portions of the cognitive and psychomotor exam remain valid for 24 months provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
 - vi. Copy of a lapsed State EMT license/certification if never nationally certified as an EMT
 - c. AEMT Level
 - i. 50 hours of continuing education that meets all requirements of the National Continued Competency Program within the past two years.
 - ii. The National Registry accepts [State EMS Office](#) approved and [CAPCE](#) accredited education, education from EMS education programs, and U.S. accredited academic credit or college course. *All education must be directly related to EMS patient care.*
 - iii. Successful completion of the WVOEMS ALS Psychomotor examination for the level you are applying
 - iv. Successful completion of the National Registry cognitive (knowledge) examination for level you are applying.

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- v. Passed portions of the cognitive and psychomotor exam remain valid for 24 months provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
 - vi. Copy of a lapsed State AEMT license/certification if never nationally certified as an AEMT
- d. Paramedic Level
- i. 60 hours of continuing education that meets all requirements of the National Continued Competency Program within the past two years.
 - ii. The National Registry accepts [State EMS Office](#) approved and [CAPCE](#) accredited education, education from EMS education programs, and U.S. accredited academic credit or college course. *All education must be directly related to EMS patient care.*
 - iii. Successful completion of the WVOEMS ALS psychomotor examination for the level you are applying
 - iv. Successful completion of the National Registry cognitive (knowledge) examination for the level you are applying.
 - v. Passed portions of the cognitive and psychomotor exam remain valid for 24 months provided all other eligibility requirements are met.
 - vi. Copy of a lapsed State Paramedic license/certification if never nationally certified as a Paramedic.

This policy replaces all policies for Paramedic initial certification prior to April 1, 2025.

APPLICABLE CODE/RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6, §16-4C-8.1, and §64 CSR 48-6.