

§157.34 Recertification
A Cafeteria Plan for Texas EMS

The *New* Texas E.M.S. Recertification Process

The Menu:

Option 1: Written Recertification Examination

Option 2: Continuing Education

Option 3: National Registry Certification

Option 4: Formal Recertification Course

Option 5: Participant in an Accredited Provider

C.C.M.P. Program

Not yet available – Process still under construction

Option 1

Written Recertification Examination

- **No earlier than one year prior to expiration date;**
- **Must submit Application with Fee and schedule examination;**
- **May not select any other option after application submitted;**
- **If failed, may retest twice after submitting retest applications and fees;**
- **If retests failed, must complete formal recertification course before attempting examination process again;**
- **If unsuccessful second time around, must complete full initial program.**

Option 2

Continuing Education

- Continuing Education Hours to be accrued during four year period;
- C.E. Program Approval remains the same;
- More latitude allowed for approval of non- content specific offerings, i.e., EVOC, Rescue, Self-Defense, etc.

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AIRWAY MANAGEMENT / VENTILATION	3	6	9	12
PATIENT ASSESSMENT	2	4	6	8
TRAUMA	3	6	9	12
MEDICAL	9	18	27	36
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS	3	6	9	12
CLINICALLY RELATED OPERATIONS	1	2	3	4
MINIMUM CONTACT HOURS IN CONTENT AREAS	24	48	72	96
ADDITIONAL HOURS IN ANY APPROVED CATEGORY	12	24	36	48
TOTAL REQUIRED FOR RECERTIFICATION	36	72	108	144

Option 3

National Registry Certification

- **Must be currently Nationally Registered at time of recertification;**
- **Submission of NR certificate not required (*we have access to the NR database*);**
- **Must indicate NR certification number and expiration date on application.**

Option 4

Formal Recertification Course

- **Must be a formal, classroom-presented, live participation-training course;**
- **Distance-Learning presentations acceptable if an instructor/proctor is present;**
- **May be conducted as “in-service” program throughout certification period;**
- **Must meet requirements for initial course program approval;**
- **A Coordinator is required.**

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Option 5

Participant in an Accredited Provider C.C.M.P. Program

- **A certificant who is enrolled in an accredited provider's Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (C.C.M.P.) may recertify by submitting an affidavit signed by the firm's Medical Director.**
- **This Option is currently under development and will not be available to certificants until the process has been finalized, piloted and committed to rule. (Estimate earliest effective date to be January 2003.)**

Late Recertification

- Up to 90 days past expiration date, must pay 1½ times the fee;
- Certification is **NOT** continued after expiration date;
- May complete chosen recertification option without further penalty.

Delinquent Recertification

(Really Late Recertification!)

- Must pay 2 times the fee;
- Regardless of Option Chosen, must take a Formal Recertification Course; **And,**
- Must pass Written Recertification Examination.
- If Recertification Course completed less than one year prior to application, may sit for examination, without retaking course.

Lapsed Recertification Opportunity

(Too Late Recertification!!)

- After one year past Expiration Date, applicant must take **full initial training program.**

