



**Idaho EMS Bureau / Standards & Compliance
Certification Policy #08-03 (Replaces #07-03)
Reciprocity**

Purpose: To clarify the policy concerning requirements for out of state certification applicants and out of state reciprocity applicants. Replace Section XII.

Current Policy in the EMS Certification Standards Manual

XII. RECIPROACITY

~~A. Reciprocity candidates must satisfy the criteria for initial certification for the level applied for as listed in this standards manual.~~

~~B. Reciprocity candidates must possess either a current NREMT registration or state EMS certification at or above the level of certification being sought.~~

~~C. Applicants possessing other state issued EMS certification must complete page one (1) of the “Idaho Certification Verification Request” (Appendix C) for each state they are certified in, authorizing certification information to be released to the Idaho EMS Bureau.~~

~~1. The current form is available from the Regional EMS Bureau office or can be found on the Idaho EMS Bureau web site at www.idahoems.org~~

~~2. The EMS Bureau will submit the completed form(s) to the state(s) of certification origin EMS credentialing authority.~~

~~3. The “Idaho Certification Verification Request” form must be returned stating the applicant holds valid EMS certification prior to issuance of an Idaho EMS certification card.~~

~~4. Discovery of pending disciplinary action in the state of certification origin may result in a delay of issuance, denial of certification or a provisional certification with conditions pending notification of final outcome.~~

~~D. Applicants possessing only state issued certification must take a National Registry examination as prescribed by the EMS Bureau.~~

~~1. Prior to December 31, 2006 applicants may elect to take either the National Registry Controlled Assessment Exam or the full written and practical evaluation, if eligible.~~

~~2. After December 31, 2006 the applicant will take the National Registry computer adaptive exam at an approved Pearson-Vue test center.~~

~~3. Expiration date for the reciprocity candidate qualifying with a valid state certification card will be will be same as the state card, but may not exceed 42 months for the First Responder and EMT Basic or 30 months for the Advanced, Intermediate and Paramedic.~~

~~E. Applicants with only National Registry registration cards must meet all additional initial certification requirements.~~

~~1. Expiration date for the reciprocity candidate qualifying for certification with a valid National Registry card will be the same as the expiration date on that card.~~

New Policy

XII. RECIPROCITY Reciprocity candidates must satisfy the criteria for initial certification for the level applied for as listed in this standards manual.

A. Out of State Training – Applicants completing their initial EMS training program in another state must register under the original program for determination of eligibility for National Registry examinations.

B. National Registry Card Only –Refer to **Section V. Initial Certification** – The expiration date of the applicant’s Idaho certification will be based on the date that the applicant passed the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) qualifying certification examination. The qualifying examination must be within the time frame described below or the applicant must take the NREMT assessment (cognitive only) examination (see the Idaho EMS Bureau Examination Standards Manual for details on the NREMT examination).

1. First Responder and EMT-Basics are certified for three (3) years, or up to forty-two (42) months if necessary, to align the certification expiration with either March or September.

2. Advanced EMTs and Paramedics are certified for two (2) years, or up to thirty (30) months if necessary to align the certification expiration with either March or September.

C. Out of State EMS Certification or Licensure (not NREMT Registration as Described XII.B. above) Applications will be reviewed and issued from the Boise Office.

1. Reciprocity candidates must possess a current state EMS certification or license at or above the level of certification that they are seeking in Idaho.
2. Applicants who possess a current EMS certification or licensure in any other state(s) must complete page one (1) of the “Idaho Certification Verification Request” (Appendix C) for each state in which they are certified or licensed. The applicant’s signature on the request authorizes other states to release the applicant’s certification or licensure information to the Idaho EMS Bureau.
 - a) The request form is available from any EMS Bureau office or can be downloaded from the Idaho EMS Bureau web site (www.idahoems.org).
 - b) The applicant must submit a signed verification request for each state in which they hold current EMS certification or licensure to the Idaho EMS Bureau.
 - c) The EMS Bureau will transmit the completed form(s) to the EMS credentialing/licensing authority in the state(s) of origin.
 - d) The EMS Bureau will not issue the applicant an Idaho EMS certification until the verification request is returned from the state(s) of origin.
 - e) Discovery of pending disciplinary action in the state of origin may result in a delay of issuance, denial of certification or a certification with conditions pending notification of outcome.
3. The EMS Bureau will send the “Idaho Certification Verification Request” only to states where the applicant is currently certified or licensed, not to the state(s) where the applicant received their EMS education or where the applicant held previous but expired EMS certification or licensure.
4. The applicant must take the NREMT assessment (cognitive only) examination at a Pearson Vue testing center (see the Idaho EMS Bureau Examination Standards Manual for details on the cognitive examination)
5. The EMS Bureau will set the expiration date for the applicant’s Idaho certification as follows:
 - a) First Responder and EMT-Basics are certified for three (3) years, or up to forty-two (42) months if necessary to align the certification expiration with either March or September.
 - b) Advanced EMTs and Paramedics are certified for two (2) years, or up to thirty (30) months if necessary to align the certification expiration with either March or September.

D. NREMT Registration and Out of State Certification or Licensure

1. Applicants who hold both a current NREMT registration (as described in section XII.B.) and an EMS certification or license from another state must:

- a) Submit an “Idaho Certification Verification Request” form for each state in which they hold current EMS certification or licensure (as described in section XII.C.2)
 - b) Follow the guidelines in section XII. B.
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