

ARTICLE 4. EMT CERTIFICATION

R9-25-406. Application Requirements for ~~EMT~~ EMCT Recertification (Authorized by A.R.S. §§ 36-2202(A)(2), (A)(3), (A)(4), (A)(6), and (G), 36-2202(B), and 36-2204(1), (4), and (6))

- ~~A.~~ An individual who holds current and valid certification as an EMT in Arizona may, before the expiration date of the individual's current EMT certification, apply for recertification at the same level of EMT certification currently held or at a lower level of EMT certification.
- ~~B.~~ An individual whose certification as an EMT in Arizona has an expiration date within the past 30 days may apply for recertification at the same level of EMT certification or at a lower level of EMT certification.
- A. An individual may apply for recertification at the same level of EMCT certification held or at a lower level of EMCT certification:
1. Within 90 days before the expiration date of the individual's current EMCT certification,
or
 2. Within the 30 day period after the expiration date of the individual's EMCT certification.
- ~~C.B.~~ To apply for recertification, an applicant shall submit to the Department an application, in a Department-provided format, including:
1. An application ~~A~~ form provided by the Department containing including:
 - a. The applicant's name, address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, and Social Security number;
 - b. Responses to questions addressing the applicant's criminal history pursuant to R9-25-402(A)(3); and R9-25-402(B)(1), ~~and R9-25-411(A)~~;
 - c. Whether the applicant has within the five years before the date of the application had:
 - i. EMCT certification or recertification revoked in Arizona; or
 - ii. Certification, recertification, or licensure to practice EMS revoked in another state or jurisdiction;
 - e.d. An indication of the level of ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification ~~currently~~ held currently or ~~with an expiration date~~ within the past 30 days and of the level of ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification for which recertification is requested;
 - ~~d.e.~~ Attestation that all information required as part of the application has been submitted and is true and accurate; and
 - e.f. The applicant's signature and date of signature;

2. For each affirmative response to a question addressing the applicant's criminal history pursuant to ~~R9-25-402(A)(3), R9-25-402(B)(1), and R9-25-411(A)~~ required in subsection (B)(1)(b), a detailed explanation on a Department-provided form and supporting documentation; ~~and~~
3. For an affirmative response to subsection (B)(1)(c), a detailed explanation on a Department-provided form; and
3. ~~If applicable, a copy of each EMT certification, recertification, or licensure issued to the applicant in another state or jurisdiction that the applicant holds.~~
4. For an application submitted within 30 days after the expiration date of EMCT certification, a nonrefundable certification extension fee of \$150.

D. In addition to the application, an applicant shall submit the following to the Department:

1. For ~~EMT-B~~ recertification, either:
 - a. ~~A certificate of course completion signed by the training program director designated for the course session showing that within two years before the expiration date of the applicant's current certificate, the applicant completed either the:~~
 - i. ~~Arizona EMT refresher, as defined in R9-25-306; or~~
 - ii. ~~Arizona EMT-B refresher challenge examination, as defined in R9-25-306; or~~
 - b. ~~Evidence of current NREMT Basic registration;~~
2. For ~~EMT-I(99)~~ recertification, either:
 - a. ~~Attestation that the applicant:~~
 - i. ~~Has completed continuing education as required under subsection (E), and~~
 - ii. ~~Has and will maintain for Department review documentation verifying completion of continuing education as required under subsection (E); or~~
 - b. ~~Evidence of current NREMT Intermediate registration;~~
3. For ~~EMT-P~~ recertification, either:
 - a. ~~Attestation that the applicant:~~
 - i. ~~Has completed continuing education as required under subsection (E), and~~
 - ii. ~~Has and will maintain for Department review documentation verifying completion of continuing education as required under subsection (E); or~~
 - b. ~~Evidence of current NREMT Paramedic registration; and~~

4. For an application submitted within 30 days after the expiration date of EMT certification, a nonrefundable certification extension fee of \$150 in the form of a certified check, business check, or money order made payable to the Arizona Department of Health Services.
- E.** An EMT required to attest to completion of continuing education under subsection (D)(2)(a) or (D)(3)(a) (D)(1)(c), (2)(a), or (3)(a) shall complete 60 clock hours of continuing education in the two years before the expiration date of the EMT current certification or, if applicable, before the end of an extension period granted under R9-25-407, as follows:
1. Seven clock hours through proficiency in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and proficiency in advanced emergency cardiac life support;
 2. No more than 48 clock hours for completion of the Arizona ALS refresher;
 3. No more than 12 clock hours for passing the Arizona ALS refresher challenge examination;
 4. No more than 20 clock hours of training in a single subject covered in the Arizona EMT-I course, the Arizona EMT-P course, or the Arizona ALS refresher;
 5. No more than 20 clock hours of teaching in a single subject covered in the Arizona EMT-I course, the Arizona EMT-P course, or the Arizona ALS refresher;
 6. No more than 20 clock hours of training related to skills, procedures, or treatments authorized under Article 5 of this Chapter;
 7. No more than 20 clock hours of teaching related to skills, procedures, or treatments authorized under Article 5 of this Chapter;
 8. No more than 20 clock hours of training in current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of emergency medicine or the provision of emergency medical services;
 9. No more than 20 clock hours of participation in or attendance at meetings, conferences, presentations, seminars, or lectures designed to provide understanding of current developments, skills, procedures, or treatments related to the practice of emergency medicine or the provision of emergency medical services;
 10. No more than 16 clock hours of training in advanced trauma life support;
 11. No more than 16 clock hours of training in pediatric emergency care; and
 12. If the individual is certified as an EMT-I(85) and desires to apply for recertification as an EMT-I(99) as provided under R9-25-412, by completing the Arizona EMT-Intermediate transition course, defined in R9-25-301.
- F.** The Department shall not issue recertification as an EMT-I(85).

C. In addition to the application in subsection (B), an applicant for EMCT recertification shall submit one of the following to the Department:

1. A certificate of course completion issued by the training program director under R9-25-304(E) showing that within two years before the date of the application, the applicant completed either the applicable refresher course or applicable refresher challenge examination;
2. Documentation of current registration in a national certification organization at the applicable or higher level of EMCT; or
3. Attestation on a Department-provided form that the applicant:
 - a. Has documentation of current certification in adult, pediatric, and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation through a course or courses consistent with recommendations for emergency cardiovascular care by EMCTs from the American Heart Association;
 - b. For AEMT recertification, EMT-I(99) recertification, or Paramedic recertification, has documentation of current certification in advanced emergency cardiac life support;
 - c. Has documentation of having completed within the previous two years the following number of hours of continuing education in topics that are consistent with the content of the applicable refresher course:
 - i. For EMT recertification, a minimum of 24 hours;
 - ii. For AEMT recertification, EMT-I(99) recertification, or Paramedic recertification, a minimum of 48 hours; and
 - iii. Included in the hours required in subsections (C)(3)(c)(i) or (ii), as applicable, a minimum of 6 hours in pediatric emergency care;
 - d. For EMT recertification, has functioned in the capacity of an EMT for at least 240 hours during the previous two years.

D. An applicant who submits an attestation under subsection (C)(3) shall maintain the applicable documentation for at least three years after the date of the application.

G.E. If an individual submits an application for recertification, with a certification extension fee, within 30 days after the expiration date of the individual's ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification, the individual:

1. Was authorized to act as an ~~EMT~~ EMCT during the period between the expiration date of the individual's ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification and the date the application was submitted, and

2. Is authorized to act as an ~~EMT~~ EMCT until the Department makes a final determination on the individual's application for recertification.

H.F. If an individual does not submit an application for recertification before the expiration date of the individual's ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification or, with a certification extension fee, within 30 days after the expiration date of the individual's ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification, the individual:

1. Is not an EMCT.
2. Was not authorized to act as an ~~EMT~~ EMCT during the 30-day period after the expiration date of the individual's ~~EMT~~ EMCT certification, and
- ~~2. Is not eligible for recertification.~~
3. May submit an application to the Department for initial EMCT certification.

I.G. The Department may deny, based on failure to meet the standards for recertification in A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 21.1 and this Article, an application submitted with a certification extension fee.

H. In this Section, the following definitions apply:

- #. "AEMT" means the same as "advanced emergency medical technician" in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
- #. "EMCT" means the same as "emergency medical care technician" in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
- #. "EMT" means the same as "emergency medical technician" in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
- #. "Paramedic" means the same as in A.R.S. § 36-2201.
- #. "Refresher challenge examination" means a test given to an individual to assess the individual's knowledge, skills, and competencies compared with the national education standards established for the applicable EMCT level.