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To: Emergency Medical Service Provider Service Directors

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Emergency Medical Responder Certification Update

Recent changes in [Wis. Stat. ch. 256](#) modify the process for Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification. These new changes to the statute remove the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination requirement and change the way military education is determined for individuals affiliated with service providers. New EMR certification applications are available to comply with the statute changes.

Updated requirements for initial EMR certification

The NREMT examination process is no longer required for EMR certification. Individuals must meet all the requirements of [Wis. Stat. § 256.15\(8\)\(b\)](#) and [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.06](#) not related to NREMT to be eligible for EMR certification. The following criteria must be fulfilled, completed, or documented by the individual applying as part of the EMR application:

- The individual creates or has an active [E-Licensing](#) account in the [Wisconsin E-Licensing system](#).
- The individual is 18 years of age or older.
- The individual is capable of performing the actions authorized by the department in the [Wisconsin scope of practice](#) for an emergency medical responder.
- The individual has successfully completed training in the applicable Wisconsin curriculum within the 24 months immediately preceding submission of the application to the department for an initial license or certificate.
 - Applicants will be asked to select their EMR course based on the Wisconsin EMR curriculum at a [Wisconsin EMS Training Center](#) and enter the course end date.
- The individual has successfully completed a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course within the last two years at the health care professional level by a CPR organization specified under [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.17\(1\)](#).
 - Applicants will be asked to select the CPR organization specified under [Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 110.17\(1\)](#), provide the expiration date of their CPR, and upload a current copy of their CPR document.
- Individuals who answer "yes" to any [criminal history questions](#) in their applications must submit documentation for each conviction, offense, or charge. Details on the type of documentation are provided in the application.

Updated process for military trained EMR applicants

The EMS Section is releasing an application specific to applicants affiliated with a service provider seeking certification based on military training. For applicants affiliated with a service provider, determination of whether the applicant's military education, training, and experience is relevant is solely within the discretion of the service. The Department of Health Services will not complete an independent review of the applicant's training, education, or experience. The applicant will identify the service provider they are affiliated with as part of the application. The service director for that service provider will receive a form through E-Licensing to document the service provider's determination on the applicant's military education, training, and experience. If the service director will not sign off on an applicant's military training, education, or experience, the applicant may apply using the general EMR application. The applicant will still need to meet the other eligibility requirements for EMR certification described above, not pertaining to education and training.

Applicants applying for EMR certification on the basis of relevant education, training, and experience in connection with military service who are not affiliated with an ambulance service or emergency medical service program must use the general EMR application.

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