

290-5-30-.13 License Renewal for Emergency Medical Services Personnel.

(1) Licensed emergency medical services personnel, on a schedule and in the manner established by the OEMS, shall submit a non-refundable license renewal fee pursuant to these rules and provide evidence satisfactory to the department of having met the continuing education requirements of this section. Failure to do so may be cause for immediate license revocation.

(a) The continuing education requirement shall be met by completing approved continuing education of not less than forty (40) contact hours for each 24-month period of the license renewal cycle, with subject matter that includes cardiac care, pediatric care and trauma care. All continuing education must be consistent with the appropriate level EMT course curriculum or above. Training to maintain CPR certification shall be in addition to the continuing education requirement. Training to maintain ACLS or equivalent shall be in addition to the forty (40) required biennial hours of continuing education, but only has to be taken one time during each two-year period.

(b) Continuing education that meets the requirements of this section must be approved in writing by the department, a regional medical director or local medical director. The local medical director may approve continuing education for the emergency medical services personnel within the ambulance service for which he/she is responsible. If approved by the local medical director, a description of the training shall be filed with the regional EMS office prior to the beginning of the continuing education on a form approved by the department.

(c) Individuals who become licensed or reinstated as emergency medical services personnel during any license renewal cycle shall be considered to have satisfied the requirements of this section for that license renewal cycle.

(d) Licensed emergency medical services personnel shall make available, upon request, all continuing education documents to the department.

(e) EMS personnel are not required to maintain registration by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians after the initial license renewal period.

(2) Individuals seeking license renewal must submit a statement as to alcohol or drug non-dependency and a current national criminal record history report generated no earlier than twelve (12) months prior to submitting an application for license renewal on a schedule and in the manner and type as established by the OEMS;

(3) The OEMS is authorized to perform random audits of license renewal documentation during each license renewal cycle.

(4) EMS personnel failing to submit required license renewal documents by the specified date will not be permitted to perform the duties of a licensed individual.

(5) A license shall be expired if the holder of the license fails to furnish the department with evidence that he/she has met the continuing education requirements during the license renewal cycle.

(a) The penalty period for late renewal is the six (6) month period immediately following the expiration date for the last license renewal cycle. During this period, a penalty fee for late renewal applies. The penalty fee shall be double the established fee for the level of licensure or \$100.00, which ever is greater.

(b) EMS personnel shall not practice after the expiration date of the license.

(c) Following the expiration of the penalty period, the department shall revoke the license of any EMS personnel for failure to renew. Such revocation removes all rights and privileges to practice in this State. Revocation for failure to renew may be reported to the public and to other state licensing boards, and will be reported as a revocation for failure to renew and will not be treated as a disciplinary revocation.

(d) A license that has been so revoked for a period not greater than four years may be reinstated upon the holder providing evidence of training equivalent to the continuing education requirements of this section, successfully challenging the required tests approved and administered by the department, submitting a current national criminal record history report, and paying the applicable penalty fee for each license renewal cycle. An individual seeking reinstatement, who fails any of the required tests on the first attempt, must complete the initial licensure process beginning with the emergency medical technician training course. A license that has been so revoked for a period greater than four years may be reinstated upon the holder completing the initial licensure process beginning with the emergency medical technician training course.

(6) The OEMS has the authority to mandate a specific license renewal cycle and/or continuing education module(s).

(7) The department shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, illness, military deployment or under such other circumstances as the department deems appropriate.

(8) Upon request, the department shall be authorized to place a license in retired status after which the medic will be permitted to continue to use the former licensure level title and number with “(Ret.)” after it. A medic in retired status will not be permitted to perform as an EMT at any level.

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