

Have You Transitioned... to the National Education Standards?

Excerpts from the NREMT Summer 2014 Newsletter (www.nremt.org/nremt/downloads/Newsletter_Summer_2014.pdf).

In order for you to maintain your National Certification you must complete a transition course.

Why do I have to complete a transition course?

Between 2004 and 2006, the National Association of State EMS Officials, in conjunction with other national stakeholder groups, developed and released the National EMS Scope of Practice Model, one of the components of the EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A Systems Approach.

Along with changes in the national scopes of practice, some additional cognitive information and psychomotor skills were incorporated to improve the depth and breadth of EMS education in hopes of producing a better-prepared EMS provider. The “old” curricula were revised and updated to reflect current best practices, standards and state of the science. This naturally resulted in “gaps” of knowledge and skills between some previously trained providers and the new graduates. Discussions and meetings were held at the national level to better identify the “gap” material, and methods were developed to help ensure that all providers would be able to function similarly given these new scopes.

The National Association of State EMS Officials worked diligently to ensure that all “gap” material was adequately identified before developing the transitional courses. The NREMT Board of Directors then approved plans for transitioning all affected providers by permitting them to apply the transitional education towards the required refresher and continuing education hours in order to meet NREMT recertification requirements. In cases where the “gap” material was so great and the increased scopes of practice led to a significant increase in the potential risk to the public, validation of skills and cognitive knowledge were also required to assure adequate transition to the new levels (NREMT-Intermediate-85 to NRAEMT; NREMT-Intermediate-99 to NRP).

Transition to the “New” National EMS Education Standards

The NREMT has worked with the National Association of State EMS Officials’ EMS Education Agenda Implementation Team to develop policies that require you to complete or possess transition education.

However, each of the 50 states in the U.S. may adopt a variety of policies and educational interpretations regarding what you will need to do to complete the “transition.”

Because of the state variations, the NREMT has implemented a standardized reporting process, outlined in this newsletter that you will need to follow to maintain your National EMS Certification and become an EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic. Please note, the education you must complete, the course length, format and locations are under the direction of your State EMS Office.

Contact your local EMS agency and determine what you will need to do to transition.

Please refer to the below chart and see what the deadline would be for you to transition.

Certification Transition	Due Date
First Responder to EMR <i>(there are 2 recertification cycles or 4 years to complete)</i>	Sept. 30, 2015/2016
EMT-Basic to EMT <i>(there are 2 recertification cycles or 4 years to complete)</i>	Mar. 31, 2015/2016
Intermediate/85 to AEMT <i>(there are 2 recertification cycles or 4 years to complete)</i>	Mar. 31, 2016/2017
Intermediate/99 to Paramedic <i>(there are 3 recertification cycles or 6 years to complete)</i>	Mar. 31, 2018/2019
EMT-Paramedic to Paramedic <i>(there are 2 recertification cycles or 4 years to complete)</i>	Mar. 31, 2016/2017



EMS Safety



Geriatric EMS (GEMS)



Principles of Ethics and Personal Leadership (PEPL)



PreHospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)



Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) & Law Enforcement & First Response Tactical Casualty Care (LEFR-TCC)



Bleeding Control for the Injured (B-Con)



Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)