



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Basic and Advanced Life Support Psychomotor Examinations		
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- A. All psychomotor examinations must be conducted in a standardized and consistent manner following guidelines as established by:
1. **State Administered Psychomotor Examinations**
 - a. BLS Consolidated Test Site Manual
 - b. Virginia EMT Enhanced Certification Examination Policy Manual
 2. **National Registry Administered Psychomotor Examinations**
 - a. The National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Administered Examinations.
NREMT psychomotor examinations administered for issuance of certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians will be conducted in accordance with the policies and procedures established by that organization. Although Office of EMS may participate in National Registry of EMT's examination administration and utilize the results of these examinations as the basis for issuance of certain state certifications, the Office has no authority to alter, amend or override the decisions of the National Registry of EMT's in regard to its issuance or denial of certification.
- B. **Psychomotor Examination Format**
1. **Basic Life Support Psychomotor Examinations**
 - a. BLS certification courses ending before July 1, 2012 which were based upon the National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia practical.
 - b. For BLS courses ending on or after July 1, 2012 which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must complete the Virginia psychomotor examination.
 2. **Advanced Life Support Psychomotor Examinations**
 - a. EMT-Enhanced

- i. Certification courses ending before the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations which are based upon the Virginia Standard Curriculum (VSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia practical examination.
 - ii. Following the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations, the Office will publish a transition timeline for phasing out the EMT-Enhanced certification level and the introduction of the new Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) VEMSES based certification program.
 - iii. Students in Virginia Office of EMS accredited AEMT courses shall be required to complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) AEMT psychomotor examination.
 - b. For Intermediate candidates testing:
 - i. On or before December 31, 2013 taking programs which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Intermediate psychomotor examination.
 - ii. After December 31, 2013 taking programs which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must complete the Virginia Intermediate psychomotor examination.
 3. Paramedic candidates must complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) psychomotor examination.
 4. Virginia EMS Providers who are recertifying, individuals who are challenging or providers who have Legal Recognition should refer to **T-202, T-203 and T-208**.
- C. **Evaluation Forms** - Practical station evaluation forms have been developed and are available on the Office of EMS web site. Only forms developed by the Office of EMS or the National Registry of EMT's are allowed for evaluating psychomotor stations.
- D. **Psychomotor Exams are Scored as Pass/Fail** - Candidates must demonstrate proficiency on all practical stations required for the program level being tested.
1. Basic Life Support Programs
 - a. Failure criteria is determined by:
 - i. Not complying with identified **Critical Criteria** for the scenario being evaluated.
 - ii. Not obtaining the minimum number of points identified with the station being evaluated.
 2. Advanced Life Support Programs
 - i. For EMT Enhanced courses:
 - (a) Failure criteria is determined by:

- (i) Not complying with identified **Critical Criteria** for the scenario being evaluated.
 - (ii) Not obtaining the minimum number of points identified with the station being evaluated.
- ii. For Intermediate courses whose students are testing:
 - (a) On or before December 31, 2013 shall take the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) administered psychomotor examination.
 - (b) After December 31, 2013, shall take the Virginia Intermediate psychomotor examination.
 - (i) Failure criteria is determined by:
 - 1. Not complying with identified **Critical Criteria** for the scenario being evaluated.
 - 2. Not obtaining the minimum number of points identified with the station being evaluated.
- iii. For Paramedic courses, students shall take the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) administered psychomotor examinations.

E. **Psychomotor Retest Policy** - Candidates failing any psychomotor station may have an opportunity to retest the station(s) failed.

- 1. Same day psychomotor retesting may be offered.
- 2. Candidates attending a test site on a future date to retest must provide the Certification Examiner with all necessary documentation identifying the station(s) of the psychomotor examination needing to be retested. Documents may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Virginia Retest Eligibility Letter
 - b. National Registry Test Results
 - c. Government issued photo identification
- 3. Basic Life Support
 - a. Same day retest may be allowed for failure of two (2) or less stations.
 - b. Same day retest is not allowed for failure of all three (3) psychomotor stations.
- 4. Advanced Life Support
 - a. EMT-Enhanced
 - i. Same day EMT-Enhanced retesting must follow the Virginia EMT Enhanced Certification Examination Policy Manual.
 - b. Advanced EMT retest candidates will follow the NREMT retest policy.
 - c. Intermediate

- i. Intermediate candidates retesting on or before December 31, 2013 will follow the NREMT retest policy.
 - ii. Intermediate candidates retesting after December 31, 2013 will follow the Virginia ALS Certification Examination Policy Manual.
 - d. Paramedic retest candidates will follow the NREMT retest policy.
- F. In the event a Certification Examiner determines that a technical error occurred in the testing of a station, the Certification Examiner will nullify the results for all affected candidates of the station in question regardless of their scores and allow a repeat of the station by the affected candidates.