



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: ALS Secondary Certification Examination Attempt		
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- A. Secondary Certification Testing Eligibility Requires:
1. Satisfaction of all requirements as set forth in the minimum continuing education requirements for the corresponding recertification CE program for the level being tested.
 2. Only continuing education (CE) hours completed after the primary examination has been attempted shall be allowed to count toward secondary eligibility.
 3. Receive written notification from the Office of EMS through the EMS Portal of eligibility for secondary certification testing.
- B. Advanced Life Support - Students/Candidates
1. EMT-Enhanced
 - a. Secondary certification testing requires the student/candidate to complete the entire Virginia written and practical examination series regardless of the results from the primary test series.
- C. Advanced Life Support – Recertification
1. On or before December 31, 2013, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the state written examination.
 2. After December 31, 2013, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
- D. Reentry Secondary Certification Testing
1. EMT-Enhanced
 - a. Virginia EMS providers whose EMT-Enhanced reentry testing occurs before the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline shall be required to pass the Virginia written examination.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers whose EMT-Enhanced reentry testing occurs after the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline shall be required to pass the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Advanced EMT cognitive assessment examination.

2. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)
 - a. Virginia EMS providers in reentry at the AEMT level shall be required to pass the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Advanced EMT cognitive assessment examination.
3. Intermediate
 - a. Virginia EMS providers whose Intermediate reentry testing occurs on or before the December 31, 2013 shall be required to pass the Virginia Intermediate written examination.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers whose Intermediate reentry testing occurs after December 31, 2013 shall be required to pass the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Intermediate cognitive assessment examination.
4. Paramedic
 - a. Virginia EMS providers whose Paramedic reentry testing occurs on or before the December 31, 2013 shall be required to pass the Virginia Paramedic written examination.
 - b. Virginia EMS providers whose Paramedic reentry testing occurs after December 31, 2013 shall be required to pass the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Paramedic cognitive assessment examination.

E. **Maximum Allowed Testing Period** – All certification testing series must be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of the primary certification test attempt (e.g. first test date). Failure to complete this process within this twelve (12) month period will require the Candidate to repeat an entire initial basic training program or applicable bridge course before any additional testing may be attempted at this certification level.