



# EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: <b>Legal Recognition EMT Certification</b>		
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- A. A provider holding a valid current (not expired) EMS certification from another state may apply to Virginia for Legal Recognition. Individuals seeking Legal Recognition may be issued Virginia EMT certification for a period of one (1) year or the duration of their current certification; whichever is shorter.
- B. Application Process
1. Applicants submit an application for reciprocity to the Office of EMS. Applicants must:
    - a. Demonstrate that they meet the requirements of Sections **12VAC5-31-1450** and **12VAC5-3310-1460** as applicable for the certification level requested.
    - b. Demonstrated need for Virginia EMS certification as evidenced by one of the following:
      - i. Affiliation with a licensed Virginia EMS Agency
      - ii. Residency in the Commonwealth
      - iii. Enrollment in a training program which requires EMT certification as a prerequisite
      - iv. Other recognized need as requested by the applicant and approved by the Office
    - c. Demonstrate the applicant is in good standing at the level for which Legal Recognition is sought from the state in which they last practiced.
    - d. Submit to the Office:
      - i. a completed "Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment" form
      - ii. copy of the candidate's current state issued EMS certification
      - iii. copy of current CPR card meeting the requirements outlined in **T-035**.
      - iv. **DRAFT:** Have your individual report (self-query) from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) submitted electronically to the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services NPDB account.
        - (a) The NPDB can be accessed through the following URL: <http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/pract/howToGetStarted.jsp>

- C. Legal Recognition may be used only to gain a certification level when the individual does not hold current Virginia certification at that level and the individual is no longer eligible for Reentry in Virginia.
- D. Legal Recognition is currently available for issuance of Virginia EMT certification based upon the following certifications:
  - 1. EMT-Basic certification issued by any other state or U.S. territory.
  - 2. EMT-Intermediate/85 certification issued by the National Registry of EMTs.
  - 3. Any Emergency Medical Services Advanced Life Support level certification issued by any other state or U.S. territory.
- E. Legal Recognition is not currently offered at the Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder or any Advanced Life Support level.