



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
*Department of Health*

**Testing Procedures for:  
BLS Re-Entry, Legal Recognition and Challenge Candidates**

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- 1) Take a psychomotor examination at a Consolidated Test Site offered by the regional EMS Councils. You can sign up for this psychomotor examination at <https://testing.vaems.org>. As a reminder you have two attempts to successfully complete your psychomotor examination before you would be required to complete another 36 hours of education to gain secondary eligibility at which time you would have two additional attempts before being required to take an entire EMT course.
- 2) Take the National Registry EMT cognitive examination at a Pearson Vue testing center. National Registry will offer you up to six (6) opportunities to pass the cognitive examination however, after three unsuccessful attempts you would be required to do 24 hours of remedial education.
- 3) Please follow these steps to establish a National Registry account if you do not already have one:
  - a. Go to [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) and click on 'Create New Account' or if you already have an account log into your National Registry account
  - b. After completing step 1 return to the home page and log in with the username and password you created
  - c. Complete all the information in the Personal Account Information fields as prompted. The first and last name you include in this area **MUST** be the same as what appears on your driver's license for the ID you will present at the testing center and is what will appear on your application.
  - d. Click on 'Create Initial Entry Application'
    - i. Initial course completion date should be the date of your eligibility letter from Virginia (obtained in your VA portal account)
    - ii. **Do not** select 'Enter NREMT on a refresher application'
    - iii. Location of Initial Training Institution or Agency would be 'VA'
    - iv. Click on [List of EMS Education Programs](#)
    - v. Select Program **76000 – Virginia Office of EMS**
    - vi. Fill in your state certification number and expiration date
    - vii. List your CPR card date (must have a valid CPR card)
    - viii. Answer the Licensing Action and Felony Statement questions
    - ix. Submit your application
  - e. Pay the applicable testing fee for the examination you are taking (currently \$65/EMR and \$70/EMT)
  - f. Log into your National Registry account in 48 hours to check the status of your application.
- 4) You can take the tests in either order you prefer but until you have successfully completed both the cognitive and psychomotor examinations you will not be recertified as a provider in Virginia.
- 5) You cannot provide EMS care without Virginia certification.
- 6) All testing must be successfully completed by the expiration date on your eligibility letter.