



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: ALS Primary Certification Examination Process		
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- A. ALS initial certification programs are the EMT-Enhanced, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate and Paramedic.
1. Candidates completing a certification program for the first time through attendance of an entire certification program or an entire bridge program from a lower certification level to a higher certification level must initiate certification testing within 180 days of the course end date.
- B. Advanced Life Support – Students/Candidates
1. EMT-Enhanced
 - a. For 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 written and practical examination.
 2. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)
 - a. 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.
 - b. Students in Virginia Office of EMS accredited AEMT courses shall be required to complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive and psychomotor examination. See **T-210** and **T-212**.
 3. Intermediate
 - a. On or before December 31, 2013, students in Virginia Office of EMS accredited Intermediate courses shall be required to complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive and psychomotor examination. See **T-210** and **T-212**.
 - b. After December 31, 2013, students in Virginia Office of EMS accredited Intermediate courses shall be required to complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Intermediate-99 cognitive assessment examination and the Virginia Intermediate psychomotor examination.

4. Paramedic

- a. Students in Virginia Office of EMS accredited Paramedic courses shall be required to complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive and psychomotor examination. See **T-210** and **T-212**.

C. Advanced Life Support – Recertification

1. EMT-Enhanced

- a. On or before the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the state written examination.
- b. After the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.

2. Intermediate

- a. On or before December 31, 2013, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the state written examination.
- b. After December 31, 2013, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.

3. Paramedic

- a. On or before December 31, 2013, Virginia EMS providers who hold current (not expired) certifications are required to successfully complete the state written examination.
- b. 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. Advanced Life Support – Reentry

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 complete 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 complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) Advanced EMT cognitive examination.

2. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)

a. Virginia EMS providers whose AEMT is in reentry shall be required to complete 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 December 31, 2013 shall be required to complete the Virginia Intermediate written examination.

b. Virginia EMS providers whose Intermediate reentry testing occurs after December 31, 2013 shall be required to complete 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 December 31, 2013 shall be required to complete the Virginia Paramedic written examination.

b. Virginia EMS providers whose Paramedic reentry testing occurs after December 31, 2013 shall be required to complete 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.