



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: BLS Primary Retest Policy Guidelines		
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A. Allowable Primary Retests

1. Primary retests must be completed within 90-days from the original examination date.
2. Retests may include a cognitive, psychomotor or both depending on the provider's status at the time of testing.
 - a. Basic Life Support – Students/Candidates
 - i. For students whose course ends before July 1, 2012, failing to achieve a minimum passing score on any state administered written and/or practical examination must retest within 90 days from the original examination date.
 - ii. For students whose course ends on or after July 1, 2012:
 - (a) Failing to achieve a minimum passing score on the state administered psychomotor examination must retest within 90 days from the original examination date.
 - (b) Passing the Virginia psychomotor examination is required prior to gaining access to the National Registry (NREMT) Authorization to Test Letter. Once initiating the NREMT cognitive examination, students fall under NREMT policies and procedures.
 - b. Basic Life Support – Recertification of Current Providers
 - i. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written examination for the level being recertified. If there is a primary retest requirement remaining after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original examination date.
 - c. Basic Life Support – Providers in Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take only the failed sections of Virginia written and/or psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.

- (a) If there is a primary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive examination.
 - (b) If there is a primary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the provider will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
- ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original examination date.
- d. Basic Life Support – Legal Recognition
 - i. Providers in Legal Recognition whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take only the failed sections of Virginia written and/or psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
 - (a) If there is a primary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - (b) If there is a primary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the provider will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original examination date.
- e. Basic Life Support – Challenges
 - i. For candidates whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take only the failed sections of Virginia written and/or psychomotor examination for the level being sought.
 - (a) If there is a primary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the candidate will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - (b) If there is a primary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the candidate will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original examination date.

B. Failure of Retest

1. Virginia Examinations

- a. For Virginia cognitive and psychomotor examinations, any failed primary retest or a primary retest which is not taken within the allowed 90-day retest period will be considered a failure of the initial testing series and must complete secondary eligibility before secondary certification testing may be attempted.

- b. For purposes of this policy, National Registry cognitive assessment examinations are considered Virginia examinations.
- 2. National Registry Examinations
 - a. Retest candidates will follow the NREMT retest policy.