



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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

1. Primary retests must be completed within 90-days from the original exam date.
2. Retests may include a cognitive, psychomotor or both depending on the provider's status at the time of testing.
 - a. Advanced Life Support – EMT-Enhanced Student/Candidates
 - i. For students whose course ends prior to the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations, failing to achieve a minimum passing score on any state administered written and/or practical examinations must retest within 90 days from the original exam date.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Advanced EMT retest candidates will follow the NREMT retest policy.
 - b. Advanced Life Support – EMT-Enhanced Recertification
 - i. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose primary retest is attempted prior the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations will be required to take the Virginia written examination for the level being recertified. If there is a primary retest requirement remaining after the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive exam for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original exam date.
 - c. Advanced Life Support – EMT-Enhanced Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose primary retest is attempted prior to the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations will be required to take the Virginia written examination for the level being recertified. If there is a primary retest

requirement remaining after the promulgation of the new EMS Rules and Regulations and the implementation of the AEMT transition timeline, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive exam for the level being recertified.

- ii. Primary retesting must occur within 90-days of the original exam date.
- d. Advanced Life Support – Intermediate Student/Candidates
 - i. Students who initiate National Registry (NREMT) testing prior to December 31, 2013 will follow the NREMT retest policy.
 - ii. Students who initiate retesting after December 31, 2013 shall:
 - (a) If available, follow the NREMT policy for Intermediate’s who initiated testing prior to December 31, 2013.
 - (b) If an NREMT policy is not available, Intermediate candidates must retest within 90-days from the original exam date and will be required to take only the failed sections of National Registry cognitive assessment examination and/or Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
- e. Advanced Life Support – Intermediate Recertification
 - 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 exam date.
- f. Advanced Life Support – Intermediate Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written 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 exam date.
- g. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Student/Candidates
 - i. Paramedic retest candidates will follow the NREMT retest policy.
- h. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Recertification
 - 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 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.

- i. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose primary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written 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.

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.