



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: BLS Secondary Certification Examination Attempt		
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A. Secondary Certification Testing Eligibility Requires:

1. Satisfaction of all requirements as set forth in the minimum continuing education requirements for the corresponding recertification CE program at the level being tested.
2. Only continuing education (CE) hours completed after the primary examination has been attempted shall be allowed to count toward secondary eligibility.
3. Receive written notification from the Office of EMS through the EMS Portal of eligibility for secondary certification testing.

B. Basic Life Support - Students/Candidates

1. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder
 - a. For courses ending before July 1, 2012 which are based upon the National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
 - b. For courses ending on or after July 1, 2012 which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must:
 - i. Complete the Virginia psychomotor examination
 - ii. Complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination.
 - (a) Access to the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination will be issued following successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination.
2. Emergency Medical Technician
 - a. For courses ending before July 1, 2012 which are based upon the National Standard Curriculum (NSC), the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
 - b. For courses ending on or after July 1, 2012 which are based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES), the candidate must:
 - i. Complete the Virginia psychomotor examination
 - ii. Complete the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination.

(a) Access to the National Registry of EMT's (NREMT) cognitive examination will be issued following successful completion of the Virginia psychomotor examination.

C. Basic Life Support - Recertification

1. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose secondary test is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written examination for the level being recertified.
2. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose secondary test is attempted after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take the National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.

D. Basic Life Support - Reentry

1. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder
 - a. Reentry candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 will complete the Virginia written and practical examination which is based on the National Standard Curriculum (NSC).
 - b. Reentry candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
2. Emergency Medical Technician
 - a. Reentry candidates testing on or before December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia written and practical examination which is based on the National Standard Curriculum (NSC)
 - b. Reentry candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive examination.

E. Basic Life Support - Equivalency

- a. Equivalency candidates testing before December 31, 2013 the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.
- b. Equivalency candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.

F. Basic Life Support - Legal Recognition

- a. Legal Recognition candidates testing before December 31, 2013 the candidate must complete a Virginia written and practical examination.

b. Legal Recognition candidates testing after December 31, 2013 must complete the Virginia psychomotor skills practical and the National Registry cognitive assessment examination.

G. **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.