



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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

1. Secondary retests must be completed within 90-days from the Secondary Test 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 examinations must retest within 90 days from the Secondary Test 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 administer psychomotor examination must retest within 90 days from the Secondary Test 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 secondary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose secondary retest is attempted after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take the National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - iii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.

- c. Basic Life Support – Providers in Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose secondary 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 secondary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - (b) If there is a secondary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the provider will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
- d. Basic Life Support – Legal Recognition
 - i. Providers in Legal Recognition whose secondary 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 secondary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - (b) If there is a secondary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the provider will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
- e. Basic Life Support – Challenges
 - i. For candidates whose secondary 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 secondary written retest required after December 31, 2013, the candidate will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination.
 - (b) If there is a secondary psychomotor retest required after December 31, 2013 the candidate will be required to take Virginia psychomotor examination for the level being recertified.

- ii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.

B. Failure of Retest

1. Virginia Examinations

- a. For Virginia cognitive and psychomotor examinations, any failed secondary retest or a secondary retest which is not taken within the allowed 90-day retest period will be considered a failure of the entire testing series. The Candidate will be required to repeat an entire initial basic training program or applicable bridge course before receiving eligibility to initiate a new series of testing.
- b. For purposes of this policy, National Registry cognitive assessment examinations are considered Virginia examinations.

- C. 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.