



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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

1. 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 Secondary Test examination date.
 - b. Advanced Life Support – EMT-Enhanced Recertification
 - i. Current providers (not those in reentry) whose secondary 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 secondary 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 assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
 - c. Advanced Life Support – EMT-Enhanced Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose secondary 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 secondary 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 assessment examination for the level being recertified.

- ii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination 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 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 Secondary Test examination date the cognitive and/or psychomotor examination failed.
- e. Advanced Life Support – Intermediate Recertification
 - 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 National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - iii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
- f. Advanced Life Support – Intermediate Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose secondary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written 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 National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - iii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
- g. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Student/Candidates
 - i. Paramedic candidates will follow the NREMT policy.
- h. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Recertification
 - 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 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 National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - iii. Secondary retesting must occur within 90-days of the Secondary Test examination date.
- i. Advanced Life Support – Paramedic Reentry
 - i. Providers in reentry whose secondary retest is attempted prior to December 31, 2013 will be required to take the Virginia written for the level being recertified.
 - ii. Providers in reentry whose secondary retest is attempted after December 31, 2013, the provider will be required to take National Registry cognitive assessment examination for the level being recertified.
 - iii. 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 initial 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.