

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Certification through Reciprocity		
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- A. Formal recognition will be granted to applicants holding valid certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).
- B. Certification Periods for Reciprocity
1. Basic Life Support candidates will be issued certification for four (4) years from the latest date in which the applicant received certification from the National Registry.
 2. Advanced Life Support candidates will be issued certification for three (3) years from the latest date in which the applicant received certification from the National Registry.
- C. Application Process
1. Providers whose initial certification training was conducted in a Virginia approved program will receive automatic processing of their reciprocity application.
 2. Providers whose initial certification training was conducted in a training program outside the purview of the Virginia Office of EMS must submit an application for reciprocity to the Office of EMS. Applicants must:
 - i. Demonstrate that they meet the requirements of Sections **12VAC5-31-1450** and **12VAC5-3310-1460** as applicable for the certification level requested.
 - ii. Demonstrate a need for certification in Virginia.
 - iii. Demonstrate the applicant is in good standing at the level for which reciprocity is sought from the state in which they last practiced.
 - iv. Submit to the Office:
 - (a) a completed Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment form
 - (b) copy of National Registry certification
 - (c) copy of current CPR card meeting the requirements outlined in **T-035**.
 - v. **DRAFT:** Have your individual report (self-query) from the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) submitted electronically to the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services NPDB account.
 - (a) The NPDB can be accessed through the following URL: <http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/pract/howToGetStarted.jsp>

D. Reciprocity may be used only to gain a certification level when the individual does not hold current Virginia certification at that level and the individual is no longer eligible for Reentry in Virginia.