

Reciprocity and Legal Recognition for Out of State Providers

For providers who hold a current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) credential, the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services will recognize all current National Registry certifications for reciprocity.

Anyone who is coming into Virginia's EMS system with a current National Registry certification will be required to complete an Application for Reciprocity and mail copies of EMS credentials to the Division of Educational Development at the Office of EMS.

For a reciprocity application package, visit: www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/reciprocity-challenges-out-of-state-requests-for-certification/.

For providers who hold a current EMS credential from another state, the Virginia Office of EMS will accept and consider applications from providers with current EMS certifications from any state or U.S. territory for certification in Virginia at the EMT level only through Legal Recognition. Once granted, certification through Legal Recognition will be valid for a maximum of one calendar year or the time left on the present certification, whichever is shortest.

Candidates for Legal Recognition must complete an application and mail copies of EMS credentials to the Division of Educational Development at the Virginia Office of EMS. No initial test is required for Legal Recognition.

In order to recertify, providers must complete the required Virginia EMS continuing education criteria prior to their certification expiration date and successfully pass the Virginia practical and National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians cognitive examination. View the Basic Life Support (BLS) recertification requirements at: www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2016/05/TR-53a-BLS-CE-Recert-Summary-1.pdf

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