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This is a blanket e-mail message to all certified Education Coordinators and ALS Coordinators.

Dear Educator,

It's been a few weeks since our last update. As we transition from summer into fall, it is imperative that each of you keep abreast of any changes that are made by the Governor regarding limits on the number of people who can gather, face covering/masking and social distancing requirements for your area of the state. As children return to school and our young adults head off to college, there will could be changes in the number of COVID positive individuals, hospitalizations and deaths.

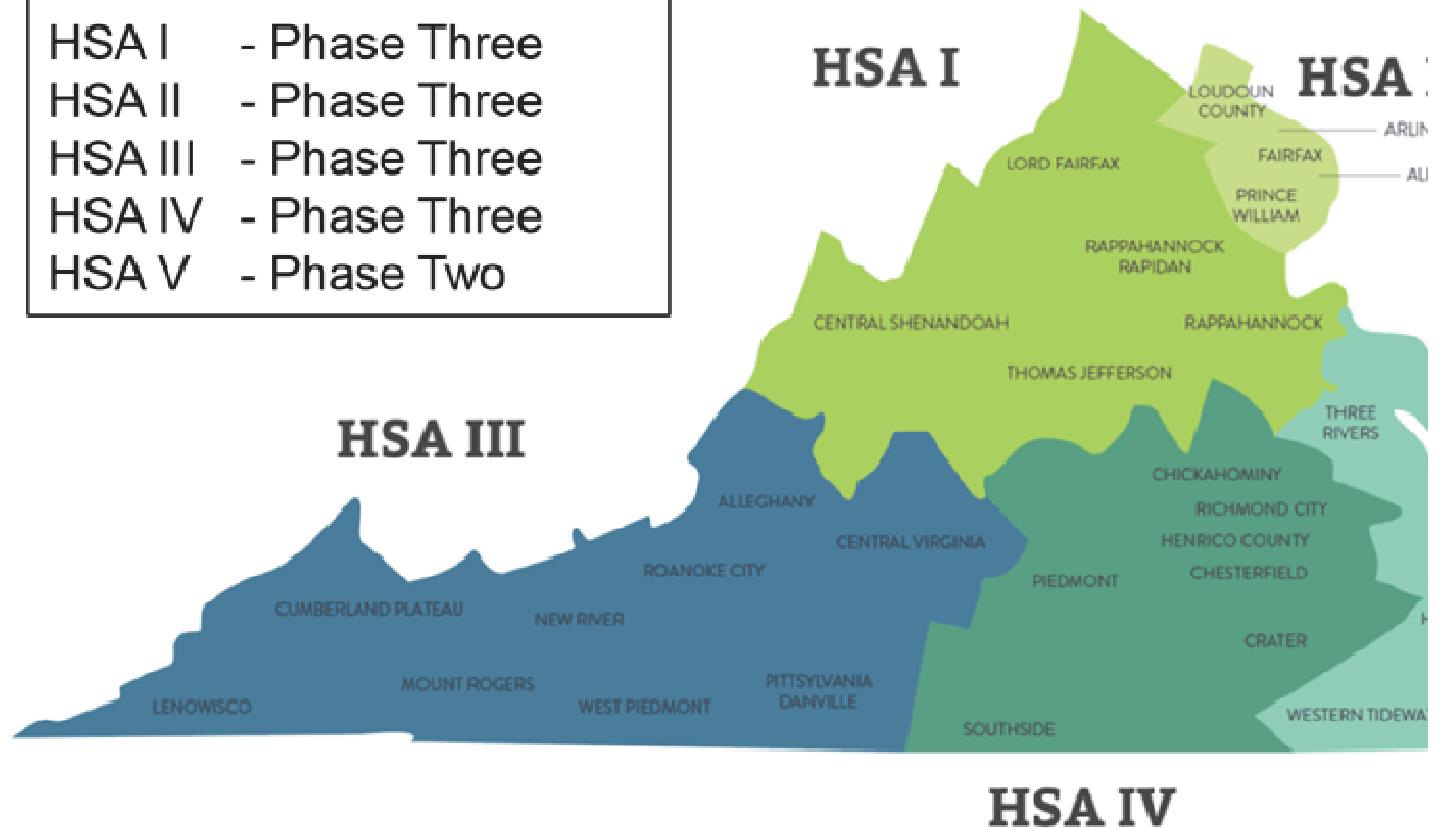
The ACE Division will do our best to keep you informed as we move through the fall.

Virginia's Health Service Areas & Forward Virginia

The following map shows Virginia's Health Service Areas. Presently, all of Virginia—excepting HSA V—are in Phase Three of Forward Virginia. HSA V – Tidewater and the Peninsulas are currently in Phase Two which restricts them to gatherings of no more than 50 people.

Forward Virginia Legend

HSA I - Phase Three
HSA II - Phase Three
HSA III - Phase Three
HSA IV - Phase Three
HSA V - Phase Two



Seasonal Flu Vaccination

The 2020-21 flu shot is now available at your local pharmacy.

With COVID-19 and seasonal flu merging together this fall, the flu vaccine is one way to help free up doctors' offices and hospitals to deal with COVID-19 and to help protect yourself, your family, co-workers and students.

For more on this year's flu vaccine, please visit: www.misstheflu.com

National Registry Provisional Certifications

Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation provided by National Registry showing how providers can access their provisional certification and how you can verify provisional certifications from their public site.

Recognizing that COVID-19 is going to impact us for the remainder of this year and into 2021, the Office of EMS and our Division have implemented the following:

Education Coordinator Candidate Teaching Hours

The ACE Division has temporarily loosened the requirements on Education Coordinator Candidates who are working toward their certification. As such, we will now allow teaching hours conducted in a "VILT, remote or distance" learning environment to count toward the required hours until June 30, 2021 or as long as COVID-19 is prevalent. These classes must be conducted in real-time while virtually face-to-face with students. We cannot award EC Candidate teaching hours for programs which are recorded for consumption asynchronously.

There is nothing new or special that needs to be done. Mentors need only continue to submit teaching hours as normal at the H level for the EC Candidate.

Please note that these temporary changes **do not relieve the requirement** that a mentor be present in the “virtual, remote or distance learning classroom” monitoring the Candidates presentation and delivery.

Virtual Initial Certification Programs Offering Continuing Education

The ACE Division has temporarily loosened the requirements on the awarding of continuing education (CE) offered when conducting an initial certification program in a virtual, remote or distance learning environment.

Education Coordinators conducting initial certification programs in a virtual, remote or distance learning environment are permitted to award CE hours to existing EMS providers who attend your virtual initial certification courses until June 30, 2021 or as long as COVID-19 is prevalent. Please make sure that you maintain detailed documentation when awarding CE for certified providers in the virtual environment. If you are awarding CE for virtual initial certification courses, you are not required to seek out a VILT Course Approval, your existing course approval will suffice.

Consolidated Test Sites and BLS Psychomotor Testing

The Office of EMS Management Team has determined that we cannot safely conduct BLS Psychomotor Testing at a CTS until there is widespread adoption of a vaccine for COVID-19. Therefore, BLS Psychomotor Testing at a CTS has been suspended until at least June 30, 2021.

Initial BLS and Advanced EMT programs will continue to make use of forms TR-997, TR-998 and TR-999 to verify student competency in-house as attested by the Education Coordinator and the Physician Course Director.

We have developed a One-Stop Shop repository of COVID-19 related documents, forms and guidance on the OEMS website at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/covid-19-documents-and-downloads/>

TPAM Policy T-1445 – Course Scheduling

As a reminder, in the May 2020 update to the Training Program Administration Manual, we made it possible for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to be a pre or co-requisite for initial certification programs. If CPR is offered as a co-requisite, the student must obtain a valid CPR card by the end date of the course as announced to the Office. Failure to obtain CPR by the end date of the course or marking a student as “Pass” for the course without a valid CPR card is not permitted and will be considered a violation of this policy.

Field and Clinical Requirements for EMT and Advanced EMT Programs (T-1445)

State and regional Medical Directors have reiterated, as late as August 12, 2020, the importance of students in initial certification programs successfully completing and meeting all field and clinical requirements as specified for all certification programs. Educators and Program Directors conducting initial certification programs during COVID-19 are expected to seek out all possibilities to ensure students are able to meet all field and clinical requirements until at least June 30, 2021. If an educator or Program Director has exhausted all possibilities for field and clinical sites for their students and they are unable to secure sites due to COVID-19 limitations or restrictions, then the educator or Program Director shall:

1. Secure an attestation statement from each site indicating that they will not allow access to their facility for your students due to COVID-19 limitations or restrictions.

- a. The attestation statement must include signatures (physical or electronic) from the educator, the field or clinical site representative and the program Medical Director.
 - b. A sample attestation statement is attached.
2. Once attestation statements have been received for all sites, the educator or Program Director can then allow field and/or clinical competencies to be conducted with the students using programmed patients and/or advanced simulation scenarios until you are comfortable that the student is satisfactorily competent.
 - a. Field and/or clinical competency stations should limit the number of people in contact with one another in compliance with social distancing guidelines.
 - b. Screening of all students and staff is required before ANY in-person meetings with them using form TR-900 – Student Screening Log. Maintain the screening log along with TR-06 – Course Roster.
 - c. Maintain social distancing requirements of six (6) feet of separation to the best of your ability.
 - d. ANY face-to-face field and/or clinical competency stations sessions that require being less than six (6) feet apart shall use adequate PPE to ensure all involved are protected to the highest degree possible.
3. Attestation statements are required to be maintained by the educator with their course files.

Continuing Education (CE) Scanners

Over the next several years, the Office will be phasing in QR Codes on provider certification cards and other documents—replacing the 1D barcodes that have been in use for well over a decade. QR codes provide OEMS with the opportunity to program more data into the code than we can with a 1D barcode.

In order to assist with the adoption of QR codes across the Commonwealth, the ACE Division has secured enough WASP scanners to supply each educator with a device. In order to receive your device, you will be required to:

- sign an ***Equipment Loan Agreement*** with the Office,
- agree to maintain the equipment with minimal wear and tear,
- replace said device if lost, stolen or damaged, and
- return the device to OEMS upon forfeiture, revocation, or surrender of your EC certification.

A sample certification card with showing what the new QR code will look like is attached.

We will be in touch with each of you when we are ready to begin the distribution process for the scanners—so hold tight.

Thank you for being flexible and for your continued diligence in ensuring OEMS policies and procedures are followed.

Stay safe!

Best,

Chad

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Please let us know how we are doing by [clicking here](#) to complete a short customer experience survey.

The Office of EMS continues to monitor the ongoing situation regarding the spread of COVID-19. For more information and updates on COVID-19 please visit the link below: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>

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Field/Clinical Site Inaccessibility Due to COVID-19

Attestation Statement

I, _____, representing field/clinical site _____,
do hereby attest by my signature below that our facility is temporarily restricting students from accessing field/clinical rotations during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

This pause will allow the medical education community, including learners, to develop appropriate educational strategies and alternative clinical experiences to best assure safe, meaningful clinical learning for students. It will also help with current concerns about the availability of personal protective equipment.

Field/Clinical Site Signatures

Field/Clinical Site Representative: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMS Program Signatures

Course Coordinator's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician Course Director Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



National Registry of EMTs Provisional Certifications

Provisional Certifications

- Candidate Dashboard
 - Provisional Level
 - Dates
 - Note on provisional certifications
 - Button to download/print provisional certification

The screenshot shows the NREMT Candidate Dashboard for Jenn P. EMT. The user is logged in as 'jenn p. emt' and their current role is 'Candidate'. The dashboard includes a sidebar with links to DASHBOARD, PROFILE, PROFESSIONAL BIO, and MY APPLICATIONS. The main content area displays the user's name, date of birth (6/9/1999), and social security number (***-**-1106). A 'Certification Handbook' section provides information on NREMT certification, including application process, exams, and policies. A 'Provisional Certification' section highlights the user's level (EMT) and dates (3/31/2020 - 12/31/2021), along with a note that NREMT certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive (computer based) and a psychomotor (skills) examination. A 'Download Certificate' button is prominently displayed. The 'Recent Certification Applications' section shows an 'EMT Initial Application' with a status of 'EXAMINATION SCORED', application confirmation ID 2019000913, and creation date 6/9/2020 10:51 AM (EST). Buttons for 'View All Certification Applications' and 'Create Certification Application' are also present.

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jenn p. emt

DASHBOARD

My Current Role
Candidate

DASHBOARD

PROFILE

PROFESSIONAL BIO

MY APPLICATIONS

JENN P. EMT

Date of Birth: 6/9/1999
Social Security #: ***-**-1106

Update My Profile

Certification Handbook

The certification handbooks contain information on NREMT certification, including the application process, the exams, and certification policies.

EMR | EMT | AEMT | Paramedic

Provisional Certification

Level: EMT
Dates: 3/31/2020 - 12/31/2021

National EMS certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive (computer based) and a psychomotor (skills) examination.

More Info

Download Certificate

Recent Certification Applications

EMT Initial Application

STATUS: EXAMINATION SCORED

Application Confirmation ID: 2019000913
Application Created: 6/9/2020 10:51 AM (EST)

View All Certification Applications | Create Certification Application

Provisional Certifications

- Downloadable/Printable Certificate
 - Provisional Level
 - National Registry Number
 - Expiration Date



Provisional Certifications

- My Certification
 - Note regarding the candidate being provisionally certified
 - Button to Download Provisional Certificate

The screenshot shows the NREMT website interface for a user named 'jenn p. emt'. The user's current role is set to 'My Certification'. The main heading is 'PROVISIONALLY CERTIFIED'. A callout box contains the following information:

- Our records indicate you are currently provisionally certified at the **EMT** level from **3/31/2020 to 12/31/2021**.
- National EMS certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive (computer based) and a psychomotor (skills) examination.
- Provisional certification has the same training requirements and cognitive examination as the full certification, but there is no independent psychomotor examination or verification of BLS skills.
- State EMS Offices may require supervision or practice limitation be considered because the psychomotor exam was not fully completed.

Below this, the 'My Certification Available Services' section includes buttons for 'Add A Course', 'View Transcript', 'Update Profile', and 'Download Provisional Certificate'.

Provisional Certifications

- Public Search
 - Search by National Registry Number
 - Results:
 - National Reg #
 - Name
 - Provisional Level
 - Expiration Date
 - Note regarding provisional certifications

The screenshot displays the NREMT website interface. A 'Certification Status' pop-up window is centered, showing details for a registrant. The background website includes a header with the NREMT logo and navigation links (HOME, EMR, EMT), a search bar, and a LOGIN button. Below the header is a large banner image of a person in medical gear. The main content area features a LOGIN section with fields for User Name and Password, a SIGN IN button, and links for account creation and password recovery. To the right is a QUICK LINKS section with buttons for Training Officers, Program Directors, Medical Directors, State Officials, Candidates, Volunteers, News, COVID-19 Updates, Store, and Policies. The pop-up window contains the following information:

Certification Status

National Registry #: E***3986;
Registrant Name: emt, jenn p.
Level: EMT (Provisional)
Expiration Date: 12/31/2021

Note: Provisional certification has the same training requirements and cognitive examination as the full certification, but there is no independent psychomotor examination or verification of BLS skills. State EMS Offices may require supervision or practice limitation be considered because the psychomotor exam was not fully completed.

Note: The search results indicate the NREMT (National EMS Certification) status for the individual. NREMT certification is not the same as a license to practice. In some states it is possible to have a lapsed, expired, or inactive NREMT credential and a valid state issued EMS license. To verify an individual's license to practice, you must contact the State EMS Office

Buttons: Print, Close

Provisional Certifications

- Public Search
 - Search by Name
 - Note regarding provisional certifications
 - Results:
 - Name
 - National Reg #
 - Provisional Level
 - Expiration Date

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THE NREMT

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ADVANCED CERTIFICATION STATUS SEARCH

FILL OUT THE FIELDS BELOW

First Name*

jenn

M.I.

Last Name*

emt

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Search

REGISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL

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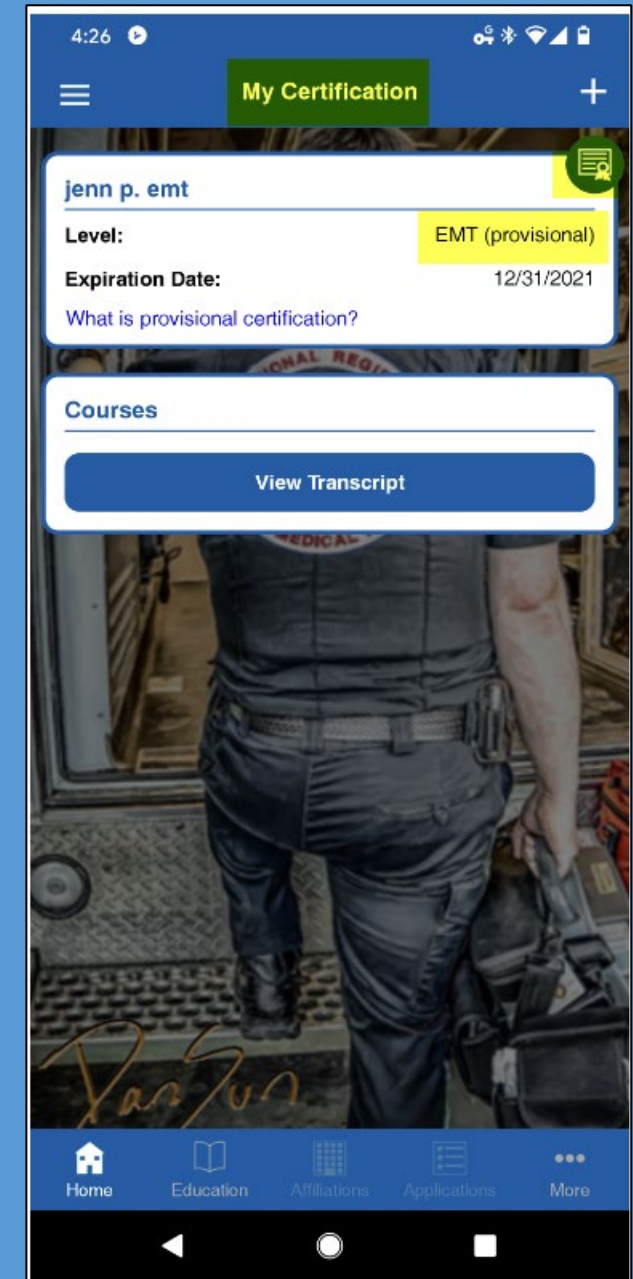
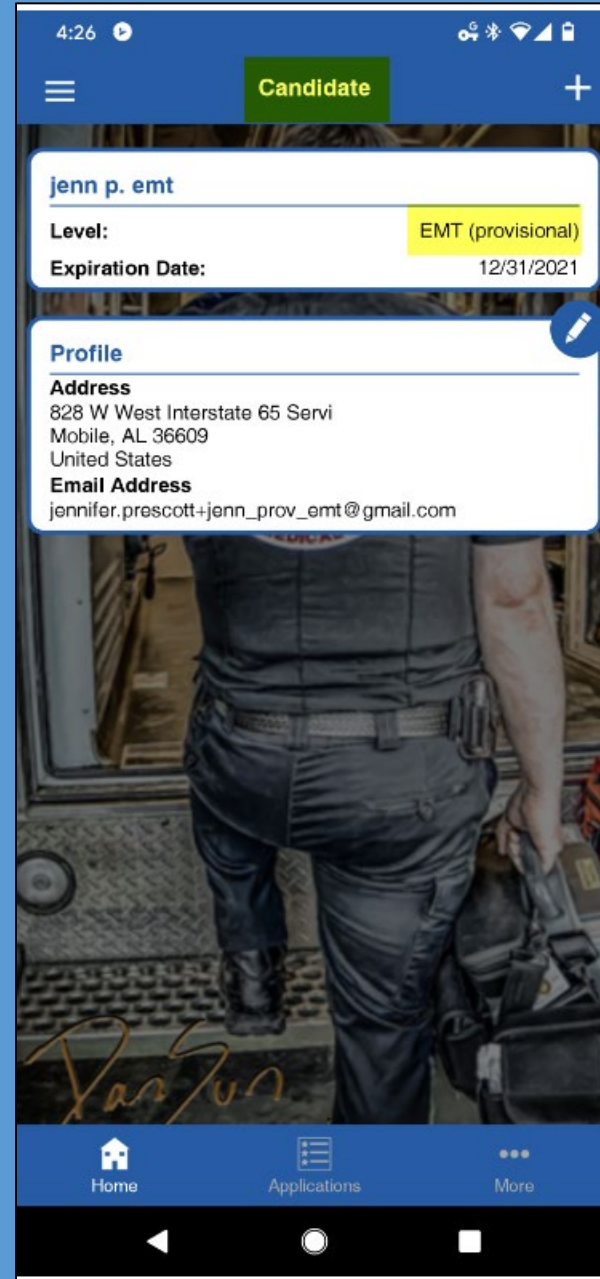
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Name	Registry #	Level	Expiration Date
emt, jenn p.	E***3986	EMT (Provisional)	12/31/2021

Note: Search results by name are limited to the first 10 results.

Provisional Certifications

- Mobile app
 - Candidate screen
 - Name
 - Provisional level
 - Expiration date
 - My Certification screen
 - Name
 - Level
 - Expiration Date
 - Note on provisional certifications
 - Click button to view certificate



Provisional Certifications

- Mobile app
 - Provisional Certificate
 - Name
 - Provisional Level
 - National Registry
 - Expiration Date

National Registry Emergency Medical Technicians

Hereby Certifies
Jenn D EMT

as a
Provisional EMT

*duly registered together with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto
in consideration of having satisfied the prescribed national standards for certification.
In Testimony Whereof, the seal of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
and signatures as authorized by the Board of Directors are hereunto affixed this
Twenty-third day of June, 2020 AD.*

Heather Davis'
Chair of the Board



William Afate
Executive Director

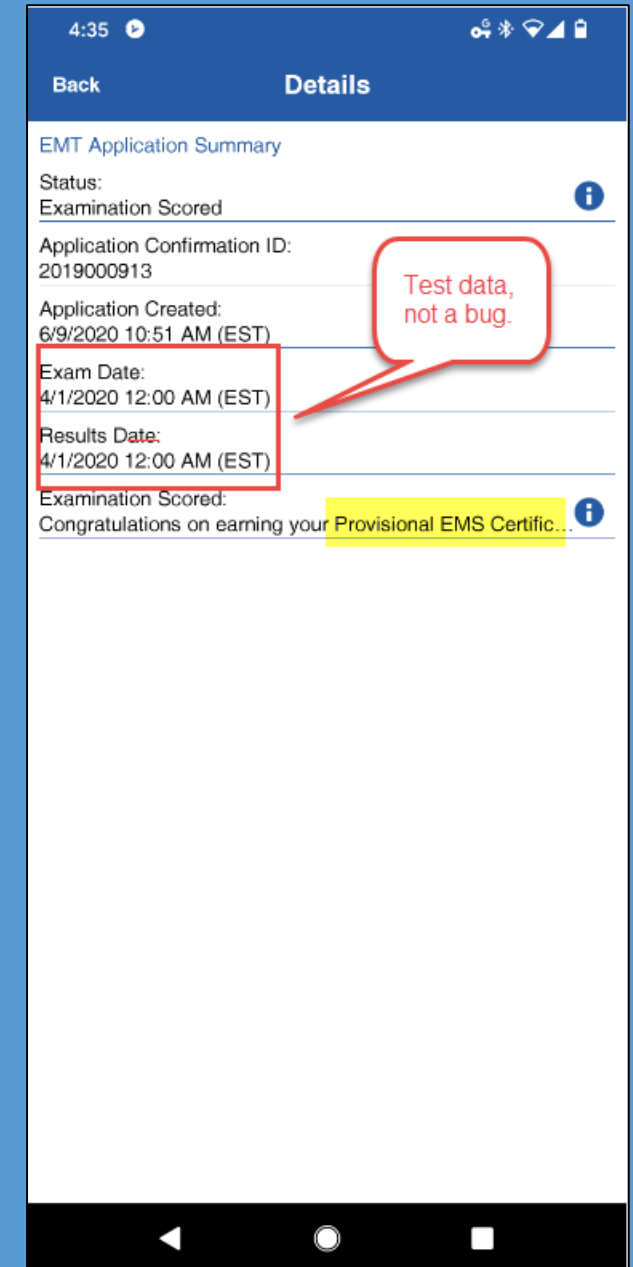
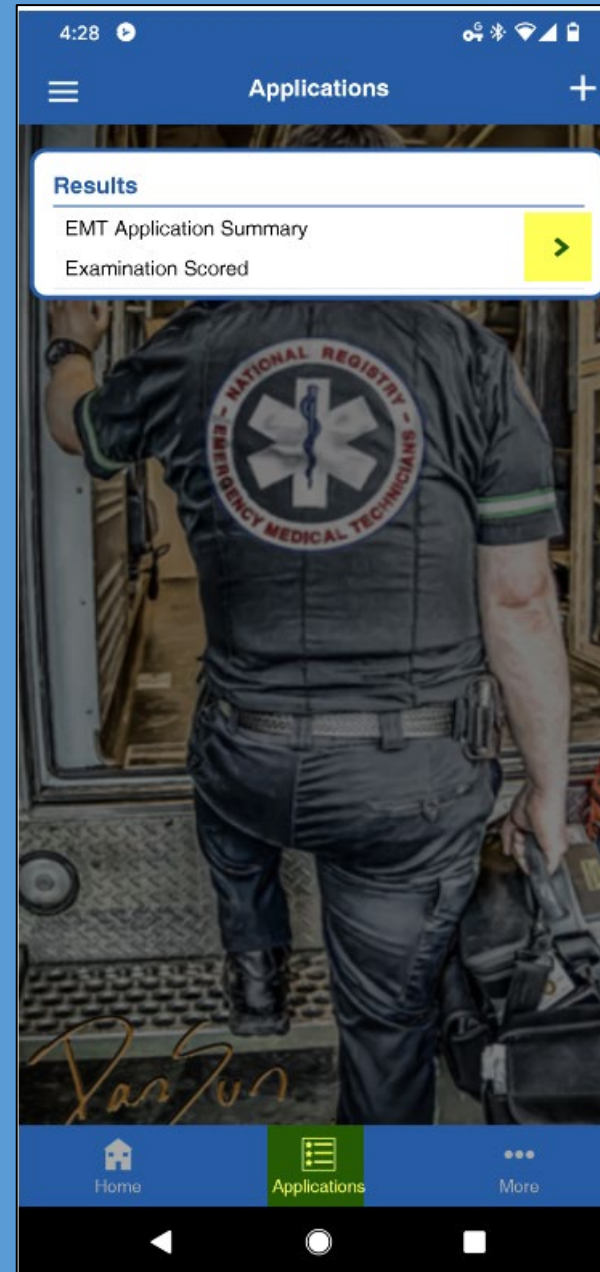
Registry Number: E5084400

Expires: 12/31/2021

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Provisional Certifications

- Mobile app
 - Applications screen
 - Details include Exam and Results dates
 - Congratulations message if candidate is provisionally certified



Provisional Certifications

- Email notification
 - An automatic email is sent to the candidate when the candidate qualifies for provisional certification
 - Explanation of provisional certification

Provisional Certification

Dear NR_EMR dev,

Our records show that you successfully completed the National Registry's Cognitive Examination. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the national emergency, you have been issued a Provisional Certification. This Provisional Certification will expire on **December 31, 2021**, and there is no recertification option. Prior to the expiration date, you must successfully pass the psychomotor examination. Once you pass the psychomotor examination, your provisional certification will be automatically upgraded to a full National Registry Certification.

Emergency licensing rules vary greatly and not all states and territories are able to accept the Provisional Certification for licensure. Please contact your State EMS Office for more information on your state.

What is Provisional Certification?

This Provisional Certification is a National Registry certification; however, it is not the same as being fully certified. The National Registry developed this Provisional Certification status to assist the specific states and territories that are issuing EMS personnel emergency licenses due to the pandemic.

The Provisional Certification is assigned to any candidate that (1) completes an approved educational program at the EMR, EMT, AEMT level or is a graduate from an accredited Paramedic program, (2) submits an application for certification and otherwise meets all certification requirements, and (3) successfully passes the National Registry's cognitive examination.

Provisional Certifications

- Provider Dashboard
 - Nationally Registered (EMR)
 - Provisionally Certified (EMT)

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Kirk Prescott

EMR
R1016766
Status: Newly Certified
Exp Date: September 30, 2021

My Current Role
Candidate

DASHBOARD

PROFILE

PROFESSIONAL BIO

MY APPLICATIONS

KIRK PRESCOTT

Date of Birth: 6/1/1990
Social Security #: ***-**-9721

Update My Profile

Certification Handbook

The certification handbooks contain information on NREMT certification, including the application process, the exams, and certification policies.

EMR EMT AEMT Paramedic

Provisional Certification

Level: EMT
Dates: 3/31/2020 - 12/31/2021

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More Info

Download Certificate

Recent Certification Applications

EMT Initial Application

STATUS: EXAMINATION SCORED

Application Confirmation ID: 2019000917
Application Created: 6/10/2020 9:57 AM (EST)

View All Certification Applications Create Certification Application

Provisional Certifications

- Certification Dashboard
- Nationally Registered (EMR)
- Provisionally Certified (EMT)

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Kirk Prescott
EMR
R1016766
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My Current Role
My Certification

DASHBOARD

TRANSCRIPT

ADD A COURSE

MANAGE MY EDUCATION

RECERT APPLICATION

RECERT BY EXAM

VIEW ACCOUNT RECORDS

STATE AFFILIATION

CERTIFICATION DASHBOARD

How to Recertify Click on the steps to follow

Step 1
Add courses to your Transcript

Step 2
Assign topics to your courses in Manage Education

Step 3
Submit your Application in Recert Application.

Welcome to your new Certification Dashboard!

Kirk Prescott

Level	EMR	Address	145 Richmond St W, Toronto, ON M5H 2L2
Registration Number	R1016766	Phone	(614) 395-1557
Status	Newly Certified	Email	JENNIFER.PRESCOTT+KIRK@GMAIL.COM
Recert Cycle	9/30/2018 - 9/30/2020		

Recert Application

Update Profile

Manage Affiliations

View Transcript

Add A Course

Manage Education

Provisional Certification

National EMS certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive (computer based) and a psychomotor (skills) examination. [More Info](#)

Registration Level	EMT
Provisional Dates	3/31/2020 - 12/31/2021

Download Certificate

Recertification CE Summary

Hours Completed

Hours Remaining

National	Local or State	Individual
8	4	4

Recert Application Status

NOT SUBMITTED

Learn More

Transaction History

PRINT CARD

PRINT CERTIFICATE

These will pull the NR card and certificate.

Provisional Certifications

- Public Search
 - Nationally Registered (EMR)
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First Name*

kirk

M.I.

Last Name*

prescott

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Search

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Name	Registry #	Level	Expiration Date
Prescott, Kirk	R***6766	EMR	9/30/2021
Prescott, Kirk	E***6764	EMT (Provisional)	12/31/2021

Note: Search results by name are limited to the first 10 results.

Provisional Certifications

- State EMS Office – Check Provider Status
 - Nationally Registered (EMR)
 - Provisionally Certified (EMT)

The screenshot shows the NREMT website interface. At the top, there is a header with the NREMT logo (50th anniversary) and the text 'National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians® THE NATION'S EMS CERTIFICATION'. Navigation links include HOME, EMR, EMT, AEMT, PARAMEDIC, RECERT, MAPS, VOLUNTEER, STORE, and MOBILE. User links for SETTINGS and LOGOUT are in the top right.

The main content area is titled 'CHECK PROVIDER STATUS' and includes a 'View Instructions' link. A search bar prompts the user to 'Search SSN, Registry #, or State License #'. The search results for 'Kirk Prescott' show:

- SSN:** XXX-XX-9721
- Registry Number:** R1016766

Under the 'Registered' section, it states 'Currently registered with the NREMT.' and shows 'Level: EMR' (highlighted in a blue box). The 'Recertification Cycle' is '9/30/2018 to 9/30/2020' and the 'Exam Date' is '04/01/2020'.

A red-bordered box highlights the 'Provisionally Certified' section, which includes a link 'What is provisional certification?', 'Level: EMT' (highlighted in a blue box), and 'Dates: 03/31/2020 to 12/31/2021'.

The 'Personal Info' section lists: 'Date of Birth: 6/1/XXXX', 'Address: 145 Richmond St W toronto, ON 43085', and 'Email Address: jennifer.prescott+kirk@gmail.com'.

A left sidebar for user 'Jenn Prescott' contains links: My Current Role (State EMS Office), STATE EMS NEWS, CHECK PROVIDER STATUS (highlighted in red), MANAGE CANDIDATES, REPORTS, MANAGE PROGRAMS, DOWNLOAD RESULTS, DOWNLOAD DATA, LOCATE AN EXAM, LOOKUP EMT STATE APPROVAL STATUS, AUDIT STATE USERS, MANAGE STATE USERS, CHECK APPLICATION(S) STATUS, PSYCHOMOTOR EXAM RESULTS, and STATE ADMINISTRATION.

Thank You!