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Dear EMS Educators,

DSHS is pleased to announce the release of the Emergency Medical Service Jurisprudence Exam material. This packet contains the following items:

1. Frequently Asked Questions.
2. Course Goals and Objectives.
3. Questions and Answers.
4. Notification and Change Form for CE Programs
5. Presentation to EMS Educators April 2017.

After reviewing the packet if you have any additional questions please contact your regional EMS office listed below:

Regards,

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# EMS Jurisprudence Exam FAQs

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**What is the Jurisprudence Exam for EMS?** – The jurisprudence exam determines the knowledge of the Health & Safety Code - Ch. 773, department rules, and any other applicable laws affecting the applicant's activities regulated by the department. This program requirement was approved by the 84th Legislative Session.

**Can DSHS provide guidance documents?** – DSHS has developed goals and objectives for the course and sample exam questions that can be used. The course can be presented in any format by an approved Continue Education Sponsor. There should be a lesson plan developed on the current EMS rules and then a series of questions to validate the students' knowledge on the material provided.

**Who can offer the course?** – The Jurisprudence Course and Exam may be offered by any DSHS approved continuing education program and meet all of the standards as stated in §157.38. All initial EMS education programs at all levels must provide the course to students before issuing a course completion certificate.

**How does an EMS Personnel licensee or certificant show course completion?** – This will be just like acquiring and maintaining any CE records. Complete the course, get your course completion certificate, and maintain the record for 5 years in case and be able to show proof of such in case of audit.

**What are the requirements for EMS Providers?** - §157.33 and §157.34 requires EMS providers to provide proof at initial and renewal of a license that all certified or licensed personnel have completed a jurisprudence examination approved by the department.

This will be monitored two ways – an attestation during the application process and verification during on-site surveys and inspections.

**What are the requirements for Initial Education Programs?** – Maintain a record of completion that would be verified during course records audits or site visits. There is no notification to DSHS required. Any course started after **September 2017** is required to include the jurisprudence course and exam. We are trying to keep the process as open and as flexible as possible for programs.

**What are the requirements for Continuing Education Programs? -**

Maintain records like any other CE course. DSHS would verify these records during the CE program audits.

CE Programs must report that they will be offering the Jurisprudence (JP) Exam. DSHS will use the CE Notification and Change Form that can be filled out and faxed into Austin so that department can track what approved CE programs are offering the JP exam. The forms will be located on the DSHS - EMS Education Programs web page.

**Why did DSHS choose this delivery method?** – This method will provide many options for the deliver the material 65,000 license holders spread out across the State.

**If I still have a question who can I speak to? – For any additional questions please contact your regional EMS office listed below:**

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# Jurisprudence Course and Exam

## Goals and Objectives

(03/27/2017)

1. HSC 773
  - a. Sec. 773.050. MINIMUM STANDARDS – Jurisprudence Exams
  - b. Sec. 773.0612. ACCESS TO RECORDS
  - c. Sec. 773.064. CRIMINAL PENALTIES
2. 157.02 – Definitions
  - a. Meanings as used in Texas Administrative Code Rules
3. 157.11 – Requirements for an EMS Provider License
  - a. Administrator of Record Requirements
  - b. Minimum Staffing requirements for different levels (BLS, ALS, MICU, etc.)
  - c. Treatment and Transport Protocol requirements
  - d. Minimum Equipment requirements for different levels (BLS, ALS, MICU, etc.)
  - e. Responsibilities of the EMS Provider
4. 157.16 – EMS Provider Disciplinary Actions
  - a. Reasons for disciplinary actions
  - b. Types of disciplinary actions
5. 157.33 – Certification
  - a. Certification requirements
  - b. Certification length
  - c. Time limit on completing requirements
  - d. Reciprocity
  - e. Responsibilities of an EMS Personnel
6. 157.34 – Recertification
  - a. Recertification requirements
  - b. Recertification Options
  - c. Late recertification
7. 157.36 – EMS Personnel Disciplinary Actions
  - a. Reasons for disciplinary actions
  - b. Types of disciplinary actions
8. 157.38 – Continuing Education
  - a. Local credentialing and authorization to practice
  - b. Definitions
  - c. Types of and criteria for acceptable continuing education
  - d. Responsibilities of certified or licensed EMS personnel
  - e. Audits

9. 197.3 Off-line Medical Director
  - a. Duties
  - b. Requirements of the medical director
  - c. Education requirements
  - d. Physicians that may not be off-line medical director
10. 103 Injury Prevention and Control
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Confidentiality of Records
  - c. Reporting requirements for EMS Providers

**Jurisprudence Exam SAMPLE Questions & Answers 157.2**

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
A General Trauma Facility is a facility that:	a. That only provides trauma care to patients.	b. Provides basic care to both trauma and medical patients.	c. Is equivalent to the level IV Trauma Facility designation.	d. Is equivalent to meeting the criteria for level III and level IV trauma facilities		Is equivalent to meeting the criteria for level III and level IV trauma facilities
A Major Trauma Facility is a facility that:	a. Is equivalent to a level III trauma facility.	b. Is equivalent to a level II trauma facility.	c. Meets the requirements of a free standing emergency facility.	d. Meets the requirements of an urgent care facility.		Is equivalent to a level II trauma facility.
Medical supervision must be provided by:	a. Licensed physicians	b. Paramedics	c. Registered Nurses	d. Physician Assistants		Licensed Physicians
An AEMT is an individual who is certified by the department and is minimally proficient in performing which of the following skills?	a. Intravenous therapy	b. Esophageal intubation	c. Endotracheal intubation	d. All of the above		All of the above
Care provided while transporting a patient between medical facilities is:	a. Emergency Care	b. Health Care	c. Facility Care	d. Interfacility Care		Interfacility Care
Abandonment is:	a) Leaving your station or assigned area without permission from a supervisor to do so.	b) Leaving a patient without appropriate medical care once patient contact has been made or turning over the care to an individual of lesser education when advanced treatment has been started.	c) Failure to gain patient consent for treatment if patient is alert, conscious, and oriented.	d) Failure to show up for a shift that you have been assigned to.		b) Leaving a patient without appropriate medical care once patient contact has been made or turning over the care to an individual of lesser education when advanced treatment has been started.
A certificant is:	a) Emergency medical service personnel with current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services	b) Any person certified to drive a vehicle	c) An individual who holds a current paramedic license from the NREMT.	d) A document showing that a student has completed training or continuing education hours.		a) Emergency medical service personnel with current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services
An organized geographical area of at least three counties administered by a regional advisory council for the purpose of providing prompt and efficient transportation and/or treatment of sick and injured patients	a. Primary EMS Provider Response Area	b. Regional EMS/Trauma System	c. Primary EMS Provider Response Area	d. Trauma Service Area		d. Trauma Service Area
A hospital that has successfully completed the designation process, is capable of stabilization and/or definitive treatment of critically injured persons and actively participates in a regional EMS/trauma system.	a. Trauma Facility	b. Designated Trauma Facility	c. Major Trauma Facility	d. Lead Trauma Facility		a. Trauma Facility
The assistance and management given to health care providers and/or entities involved in regional EMS/trauma systems planning by a physician or group of physicians designated to provide technical assistance.	a. Medical Control	b. Medical Supervision	c. Medical Oversight	d. Offline Medical Direction		c. Medical Oversight

With regards to EMS and hospital, "Bypass" means one of the following:	a) Direction given to an EMS provider either by direct/on-line control, or predetermined triage criteria, to bypass the nearest hospital for the most appropriate hospital/trauma facility.	b) Direction given to an EMS provider by the local hospital to bypass them with a patient that they prefer not to accept.	c) Is a policy or procedure established by the EMS provider, allowing them to pick which hospital they prefer to deliver patients to.	d) Is a decision often left up to the transporting EMS crew, as to which hospital to deliver the patient to.	a) Direction given to an EMS provider either by direct/on-line control, or predetermined triage criteria, to bypass the nearest hospital for the most appropriate hospital/trauma facility.
2) A designated infection control officer is considered:	a) The person designated to provide over-site of the procedures established to limit the potential of exposure to life threatening diseases while treating and/or transporting patients	b) The person designated to serve as a liaison between the EMS crew and the Medical Director when infection disease issues arise.	c) An infection control expert in how to prevent and handle potentially infectious patients.	d) A designated officer who serves as a liaison between the employer's employees who have been or believe they have been exposed to a potentially life threatening infectious disease by a person who was treated and/or transported by the EMS provider.	d) A designated officer who serves as a liaison between the employer's employees who have been or believe they have been exposed to a potentially life threatening infectious disease by a person who was treated and/or transported by the EMS provider.
A diversion in reference to EMS and hospitals means:	a) The EMS is allowed to divert to the hospital of their choice.	b) EMS is allowed to divert to the hospital preferred by the patient.	c) A procedure put into effect by a trauma facility to ensure appropriate patient care when that facility is unable to provide the level of care demanded by a trauma patient's injuries or when the facility has temporarily exhausted its resources.	d) A procedure put into effect by an EMS service to ensure appropriate patient care when a facility is believed to be unable to provide the level of care demanded by a trauma patient's injuries or when the facility has temporarily exhausted its resources.	d) A procedure put into effect by an EMS service to ensure appropriate patient care when a facility is believed to be unable to provide the level of care demanded by a trauma patient's injuries or when the facility has temporarily exhausted its resources.
1. An organized geographical area of at least three counties administered by a regional advisory council for the purpose of providing prompt and efficient transportation of sick and injured patients is a:	a. Trauma Service Area	b. Trauma Registry	c. Specialty Center	d. Prehospital Triage	a. Trauma Service Area
2. The procedure for renewal of Emergency Medical Services certification is called:	a. Relicensure	b. Quality Management	c. Recertification	d. Practical Exam	c. Recertification
A continuing education credit unit awarded for successful completion of a unit of learning activity is a:	a. Current	b. Candidate	c. Distance Learning	d. Credit Hour	d. Credit Hour
An individual who serves as a liaison between the employer's employees who have been or believe they have been exposed to potential life-threatening disease, through a person who was treated and/or transported by the EMS Provider	a. Medical Director	b. Administrator of Record	c. Infection Control Officer	d. State EMS Director	c. Infection Control Officer
A unit specially organized to provide coordinated emergency medical response operation systems during large scale EMS incidents.	a. Trauma Regional Advisory Council	b. Emergency Militia Task Force	c. Governor's Emergency Trauma Advisory Council	d. Emergency Medical Task Force	d. Emergency Medical Task Force

In definition "Department" is referred to as the:	a. Texas Department of Health	b. Texas Department of Public Safety	c. Texas Department of State Health Services	d. Texas Medical Board		c. Texas Department of State Health Services
A(n) _____ is an emergency medical services personnel with current certification from the Texas Department of State Health Services.	a. Candidate	b. Certificant	c. Applicant	d. Employee		b. Certificant
The principal executive manager of an emergency medical service organization who is responsible for the non-medical operations, staffing, policies and procedures, and overall management of the service is _____.	a. Emergency Medical Operations Supervisor	b. Emergency Medical Services Owner	c. Emergency Medical Services Administrator	d. Emergency Medical Services Director		c. Emergency Medical Services Administrator
The supervision of prehospital emergency medical service providers by a licensed physician, which encompasses on-line "direct voice contact" and off-line "written protocol and procedural review" is known as _____.	a. Medical Control	b. Medical Director	c. Medical Oversight	d. Medical Supervision		a. Medical Control



## Jurisprudence Exam Questions & Answers 157.11

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
Of the following, which EMS provider is exempt from meeting most of the requirements of an Administrator of Record:	a. A for-profit EMS	b. A non-profit EMS	c. A volunteer EMS	d. A government entity EMS		d. A government entity EMS
Which of the following statements concerning ground EMS vehicles is NOT true:	a. Each ambulance must have environmental systems to prevent environmental extremes in the ambulance.	b. When operational, each EMS vehicle must have two-way communication with appropriate medical resources.	c. Each ambulance must have two-inch in height letters TX followed by the provider license number on the front and back of the ambulance.	d. All EMS vehicles must be adequately constructed, equipped, maintained and operated to render patient care, comfort and transportation safely and efficiently.		c. Each ambulance must have two-inch in height letters TX followed by the provider license number on the front and back of the ambulance.
Which of the following is NOT true concerning EMS equipment on board an ambulance:	a. All equipment must be clean and in working order.	b. All equipment must be included on the list of medical equipment approved by the Regional Advisory Council (RAC).	c. All equipment must have a battery back-up, if appropriate, or have an alternate source of power.	d. The equipment list shall include equipment required for the transport and treatment of adult, pediatric and neonate patients.		b. All equipment must be included on the list of medical equipment approved by the Regional Advisory Council (RAC).
What is the minimum staffing requirement for a Basic Life Support (BLS) with Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) capability authorized ambulance when operating at a BLS level?	a) One Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and one paramedic	b) Two Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs)	c) One ECA and one paramedic	d) Two paramedics		b) Two Emergency Care Attendants (ECAs)
Protocols must have all of the following items EXCEPT:	a) A signature of the infection control officer.	b) A signature with an effective date of the protocols from the medical director	c) Delegated procedures for each EMS certification or license level utilized by the provider.	d) Geographic and duty status of personnel.		a) A signature of the infection control officer.
What is the length of time a provider has to provide a completed patient care report to the receiving facility?	a) 8 hours	b) 72 hours	c) 48 hours	d) 24 hours		d) 24 hours
How long is an EMS provider license effective?	Four years	One year	Two Years	Ten Years		Two Years
An ambulance that is authorized at the BLS with MICU capability level becomes active at full MICU status when staffed by:	a. Two certified or licensed paramedics.	b. At least one certified or licensed paramedic and one EMT Basic.	c. At least one certified or licensed paramedic and one AEMT.	d. At least one AEMT and one EMT Basic.		b. At least one certified or licensed paramedic and one EMT Basic.

Which of the following is not a responsibility of an EMS provider, as listed in Texas Administrative Code 157.11 (n)?	a. Assuring the confidentiality of all patient information is in compliance with all federal and state laws.	b. Assuring that staff completed a readiness inspection as written by the provider's policy.	c. Assuring that all documents, reports or information provided to the department and hospital are current, accurate and complete.	d. Assuring that all EMS personnel have their department issued EMS personnel ID number memorized.		d. Assuring that all EMS personnel have their department issued EMS personnel ID number memorized.
DSHS Vehicle Authorizations are interchangeable with other EMS vehicles owned by the EMS provider.	a) True	b) False				a) True
All EMS vehicles are required to have their provider license number prominently displayed on both sides of their ambulance in at least _____ inch lettering and in contrasting color.	a) 1 inch	b) 2 inch	c) 3 inch	d) 4 inch		b) 2 inch
At renewal, randomly, or in response to a complaint, the department may conduct an _____ compliance survey to include inspection of a provider's vehicles, operations and/or records to ensure compliance with this title at any time, including nights or weekends.	a. Announced	b. Unannounced	c. Equipment	d. Education		b. Unannounced
Assuring all EMS personnel receive continuing education on the provider's anaphylaxis protocols. The provider shall maintain _____ and training records to include date, time, and location of such education or training for all its EMS personnel.	a. Education	b. Credit Hour	c. Recertification	d: Basic Life Support		a. Education
All patients transported by stretcher must be in an _____.	a. Authorized EMS Vehicle	b. Emergency Vehicle	c. Supervisor's Vehicle	d. Emergency Management Vehicle		a. Authorized EMS Vehicle
The administrator of record has completed an initial education course approved by the department on state and federal laws and rules that affect EMS in the following areas. Which is not one of the areas included in the education course?	a. Anatomy & Physiology	b. EMS dispatch processes	c. Quality improvement processes for EMS operations	d. EMS billing processes		a. Anatomy & Physiology
A licensed EMS provider shall maintain adequate medical reports of a patient for a minimum of _____ years from the anniversary date of the date of last treatment by the EMS provider.	a. Never	b. 7	c. 14	d. 21		b. 7
All MICU EMS Vehicles must have active 12-lead capability cardiac monitor/defibrillator by January 1st, 2020?	a. True	b. False				a. True
The Declaration of Administrator of Record shall declare that the administrator _____	a. Has a signed affidavit on file with the EMS provider	b. Resides in the same city where the EMS provider is located	c. Is not employed or otherwise compensated by another private for-profit EMS provider	d. Holds both state and National Registry certifications		c. Is not employed or otherwise compensated by another private for-profit EMS provider
Each EMS provider shall develop, implement, maintain, and evaluate an effective ongoing, system-wide, data-driven, interdisciplinary Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program	a. True	b. False				a. True

During the license period, the provider's responsibilities shall include assuring that all personnel, when on an in-service vehicle or when on the scene of an emergency, are prominently identified by Last name, first initial of the first name, certification level and provider name.	a. True	b. False				a. True
As a Licensed EMS Provider, the requirement to maintain medical records for a minimum of 7 years (157.11(n)(15)(A) is waived if the business is sold or closes.	a. TRUE	b. FALSE				b. FALSE
Texas EMS Provider Licensees pay one or more fees for all of the following actions EXCEPT:	a. Vehicle Authorizations	b. Substitution of a Vehicle	c. Provider License Renewal	d. Re-Inspection of a Vehicle		b. Substitution of a Vehicle
What is the maximum time allowance for an EMS provider to notify DSHS if there is a change in Medical Director?	a. Within one (1) business day	b. Within five (5) business days	c. Within 30 days	d. Immediately		a. Within one (1) business day

## Jurisprudence Exam Questions & Answers 157.16

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
An EMS provider may have their license revoked for all of the following EXCEPT:	a. Operating the service while the provider license is under probation.	b. Operating the service when there is an outstanding fee that has not been paid.	c. Operating the service while the provider license is under suspension.	d. Operating the service while appealing an administrative action by the department.		c. Operating the service while the provider license is under suspension.
An emergency suspension order of a provider license may be issued for which of the following reasons:	a. The department finds that the service failed to maintain patient confidentiality according to standards and department regulations.	b. The department has reasonable cause to find that the provider obtained a fee or benefit by fraud, coercion, theft, deception, or misrepresentation;	c. The department has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of any licensed provider creates an imminent danger to public health or safety.	d. The licensed provider failed to correct deficiencies as instructed by the department.		c. The department has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of any licensed provider creates an imminent danger to public health or safety.
The department may deny a provider license application for all of the following reasons EXCEPT:	a. A provider applicant has submitted all required documents for licensure.	b. A provider applicant has not submitted the appropriate license fees with the application.	c. One of the owners has a history of a misdemeanor or felony which the department has determined may put the safety of any person at risk.	d. The EMS provider has had disciplinary action in another state or by a federal agency.		a. A provider applicant has submitted all required documents for licensure.
1. An EMS provider license may NOT be suspended or revoked for which of the following reasons?	A. The provider fails to comply with any requirement of provider licensure as defined in 157.11 of this title (relating to Requirements for an EMS Provider License).	B. The provider fails to maintain patient confidentiality according to standards and department regulations.	C. The provider fails to maintain adequate response times to the scene.	D. The provider discriminates in the provision of services based on national origin, race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or economic status.		C. The provider fails to maintain adequate response times to the scene.
An applicant for a provider license receives a denial, a request for hearing shall be in writing and submitted to the department and postmarked within 30 days after the date of notice.	TRUE	FALSE				TRUE
An EMS provider's license may be suspended or revoked for all the following reasons:	a. failing to maintain pt. confidentiality	b. obtaining any fee or benefit by fraud	c. failing to staff each vehicle deemed to be in service with non-licensed personnel.	d. All of the above		d. All of the above

If a EMS Provider's License is denied or suspended, or the service voluntarily surrender's their license, how long must they wait to re-apply for a license?	6 months	1 year	5 years	2 years		2 years
How long must a provider whose license was denied, license was revoked or voluntarily surrendered a license while disciplinary action is pending wait before re-applying for a new license?	2 years	3 years	4 years	None of the above.		2 years
A licensed EMS provider (may/may not) not claim a defense when one or more staff members, acting with or without the consent and knowledge of the license holder, commit(s) multiple violations in this section, or perform(s) contrary to EMS standards while on EMS business for the provider.	May not	May				May not
When can a provider whose license is suspended apply for renewal if it expires?	a. After the suspension is concluded.	b. 1 month prior to expiration of license.	c. 3 months prior to expiration of license.			a. After the suspension is concluded.
The Texas Department of State Health Services may issue an emergency suspension order to any licensed EMS provider if the Department has reasonable cause to believe that...	a) The provider should no longer be in business	b) The service area has too many EMS providers	c) The conduct of the EMS provider creates an imminent danger to public health or safety	d) None of the above – The State cannot conduct an Emergency Suspension		c) The conduct of the EMS provider creates an imminent danger to public health or safety
An EMS provider retains ultimate responsibility for the operation of the service. The EMS service may claim a defense when one or more staff members, acting with or without the consent and knowledge of the license holder, commit(s) multiple violations in this section, or performs contrary to EMS standards while on EMS business for the Provider.	a) True	b) False				b) False
The Texas Department of State Health Services may deny an EMS Provider license for, all of the following reasons, EXCEPT:	a) holding an EMS Provider license in multiple States	b) Failing to meet the licensing requirements outlined in rule 157.11 of this title:	c) One of the owners having a history of a misdemeanor or felony which the Department has determined may put the safety of any person at risk.	d) Previous conduct while holding an EMS provider license which could put any person at risk		a) holding an EMS Provider license in multiple States
An EMS Provider could be denied a license if the EMS provider has had Disciplinary Action in another state or by a federal agency.	a. True	b. False				a. True
Which penalty may be assessed when an EMS provider is in violation of the Health and Safety Code 773, 25 TAC 157 or the reasons outlined in subsection (c) and (d) of this subsection.	a. Accountability	b. Emergency Suspension	c. Plan of Correction	d. Administrative		d. Administrative

An EMS provider license may be suspended or revoked for the following reason:	a. Failing to staff each vehicle with appropriately and currently certified personnel	b. Having a license issued by the department	c. Operating the service while the license is active	d. Paying an administrative penalty		a. Failing to staff each vehicle with appropriately and currently certified personnel
A Probated Suspension issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services is effective immediately without a hearing or notice to the license holder if the department has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of any licensed provider creates an imminent danger to public health or safety.	a. True	b. False				b. False
If the department proposes to deny, suspend, revoke, or probate a license, the _____ shall be notified at the address shown in the current records of the department.	a. EMS Operations Director	b. EMS provider license holder and administrator of record	c. Local TV stations and newspapers	d. On-Duty Supervisor		b. EMS provider license holder and administrator of record
An EMS provider license may be suspended or revoked for, but not limited to, the following reasons:	a. Falsifying or altering a license issued by the Department	b. Failing to correct deficiencies as instructed by the Department	c. Obtaining or attempting to obtain or assisting another to obtain a provider license or personnel certification by fraud, forgery, deception, or misrepresentation	d. All of the above		d. All of the above

Jurisprudence Exam Questions & Answers 157.33						
Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
Certification may be verified by all of the following EXCEPT:	a. Receipt of the department's official identification card.	b. Verifying certification status on the department's website.	c. Contacting National Registry to verify NR status.	d. By contacting the department directly.		Contacting National Registry to verify NR status.
Which of the following statements is TRUE concerning the use of finger printing:	a. Finger prints are required for applicants that have a criminal history.	b. Finger prints are done to verify an applicant's Texas criminal history.	c. Finger prints are done exclusively by local police departments.	d. Finger prints are completed in order to undergo a FBI criminal history check.		Finger prints are completed in order to undergo a FBI criminal history check.
An initial candidate for certification shall complete all requirements for certification within ___ year(s) after the applicant's course completion date.	1	2	3	4		2
In order to be certified in Texas, a candidate must pass the following exam:	a. National Registry exam	b. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) exam	c. Both the National Registry and DSHS exams	d. None of the above.		National Registry exam
A candidate for emergency medical services (EMS) certification shall be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED certificate. A home school diploma is acceptable if it is accompanied by:	A letter from the Texas Education Agency	The student's transcript evaluated by a High School Principal in their town.	No other document is required.	A letter from a state certified teacher.		No other document is required.
An initial candidate for certification shall complete all requirements for certification no later than ___ years after the candidate's course completion date.	2 Years	1 Year	6 Months	90 Days		2 Years
A person currently certified by another state may apply for equal or lower level Texas certification by submitting a reciprocity application and a nonrefundable fee of \$120. Which of the following additional requirements is false?	The candidate must pass the Texas Assessment Exam	All applicants shall submit fingerprints through the state approved fingerprinting service to undergo an FBI fingerprint criminal history check.	The applicant has completed a state approved jurisprudence examination to determine the knowledge on state EMS laws, rules, and policies.	The candidate must pass the National Registry Assessment Exam.		The candidate must pass the Texas Assessment Exam
During the certification license period, the EMS Personnel responsibilities shall notify the department of a current and/or valid mailing address within ____ days of any changes.	7 Days	10 Days	30 Days	45 Days		30 Days
Of the requirements listed below which one is not a requirement for certification:	a. the candidate has completed the jurisprudence exam	b. be at least 21 years of age	c. have successfully completed a Department of State Health Services approved course	d. have a High School Diploma or GED		b. be at least 21 years of age

When can a certified EMT, AEMT, Paramedic apply for inactive certification?	a. within 2 years after the certificate expiration date	b. only after they have recertified once	c. only with permission from the Medical Director	d. anytime during the certification period or 1 (one) year after the certificate expiration date		d. anytime during the certification period or 1 (one) year after the certificate expiration date
For EMT and above certificants, requirements for reciprocity include all of the following except:	a. Current NR Certification and/or state EMS certification	b. Completion of a state approved jurisprudence exam	c. Submission of a non-refundable fee with the application.	d. Possessing an Associate or Bachelor's degree		Possessing an Associate or Bachelor's degree
Certification requirements for a candidate for EMS certification includes all of the following EXCEPT:	a) Taking a department approved Emergency Vehicle Operations training course.	b) Be at least 18 years of age.	c) Have a high school diploma or GED	d) Successfully complete a Department of State Health Services approved course.		Taking a department approved Emergency Vehicle Operations training course.
The length of certification for EMS personnel in the State of Texas is:	a. 2 Years	b. 4 Years	c. 3 Years	d. 6 Years		4 Years
EMS personnel must notify the department within ____ days of a change of address.	a. 15	b. 45	c. 30	d. 60		30
EMS personnel are required to notify the employer, appropriate legal authority, or department within _____ of the abuse or injury to a patient or the public.	a) 24 hours	b) 5 days	c) 3 days	d) 12 hours		24 hours
In what timeframe must you notify the department of a current and/or valid mailing address?	a. within 5 days	b. within 10 days	c. within 30 days	d. within 45 days		c. within 30 days
Which of the following responsibilities of EMS personnel is not required by the department?	a. Following the approved medical director's protocol and policies	b. Certified or licensed EMS personnel must carry their department issued certification or license on their person while on duty	c. Providing accurate, complete and/or clearly written patient care reports	d. Taking precautions to prevent the misappropriation of medications, supplies, equipment, personal items, or money belonging to the patient, employer or any person or entity		b. Certified or licensed EMS personnel must carry their department issued certification or license on their person while on duty
How can a certification be verified?	a. Official department identification card	b. Using the department's online certification search	c. Contacting the department directly	d. All of the above		d. All of the above
An individual who holds a current Texas EMS certification or paramedic license may be certified at a lower level voluntarily.	a. True	b. False				a. True
A person currently certified by another State may apply for equal or lower level Texas certification by submitting the following:	a) a reciprocity application and a nonrefundable fee	b) the candidate must pass the National Registry Assessment Exam	c) all applicants shall submit fingerprint background check	d) All of the above		d) All of the above
EMS certification reciprocity is allowed for all levels of EMS certification.	a) True	b) False				b) False
A candidate who meets the requirements for initial certification shall be certified for:	a. 2 years	b. 4 years	c. 8 years	d. Lifetime membership		b. 4 years
An individual shall not simultaneously hold _____ and active certification.	a. National Registry	b. Dual Citizenship	c. Commercial Driver's License	d. Inactive		d. Inactive



Which are the responsibilities for EMS personnel during the license period?	a. Following the approved medical director's protocols and policies	b. Maintaining skill and knowledge to perform the duties or meet the responsibilities required of current level of EMS certification	c. Notifying the department of current and/or valid mailing address within 30 days of any changes	d. Reporting to the employer, appropriate legal authority or the department, of abuse or injury to a patient or the public within 24 hours or the next business day after the event	a. All of the above	a. All of the above
An initial candidate for certification shall complete all requirements for certification no later than 180 days after the candidate's course completion date.	a. True	b. False				b. False
During the license period, the EMS Personnel responsibilities shall include _____	a. Maintaining active employment with no more than one licensed EMS provider	b. Notifying the department in writing within 30 days of intent to enroll with an EMS Education Program for the purpose of upgrading the current certification	c. Maintaining skill and knowledge to perform the duties or meet the responsibilities required of current level of EMS certification	d. Applying and obtaining a Category-E State Driver's License (for EMS Personnel Only)		c. Maintaining skill and knowledge to perform the duties or meet the responsibilities required of current level of EMS certification

**Jurisprudence Exam Questions & Answers 157.34**

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
EMS certificants must renew their EMS certification every ____ year(s):	1	2	3	4		4
The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certification used to be referred to as:	a. Emergency Medical Technician Basic	b. Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate	c. Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic	d. Licensed Paramedic		b. Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate
Of the following statements, which statement is NOT required in order to renew your EMS certification/license:	a. All EMS personnel that wish to recertify must pass a jurisprudence exam.	b. All EMS personnel that submit their applications in a timely manner must test their skills again prior to renewal of their EMS certification expiration.	c. EMS personnel that are currently receiving pay for working on an ambulance must pay a recertification fee.	d. EMS personnel that submit their application after expiration are considered expired until such time as they renew their certification status.		b. All EMS personnel that submit their applications in a timely manner must test their skills again prior to renewal of their EMS certification expiration.
Which of the statements below is untrue:	a. EMS certificants that are expired more than one year must follow the late recertification requirements in order to recertify.	b. EMS certificants that expire within 90-days or less must pay a non-refundable renewal fee that is equal to 1-1/2 times the normally required application renewal fee for that level.	c. EMS certificants that expire between 91-days and one year must pay a non-refundable renewal fee that is equal to 2 times the normally required application renewal fee for that level.	d. Late renewal certificants will be renewed from the date of issuance.		a. EMS certificants that are expired more than one year must follow the late recertification requirements in order to recertify.
A candidate whose certificate has been expired for ____ or more may not renew the certificate. The candidate may become certified by complying with the requirements of 157.33(a) or (j) of this title.	6 Month	9 Month	1 Year	18 Months		1 Year
Late recertification. (Fee) A candidate whose certificate has been expired for 90 days or less may renew the certificate by submitting an application accompanied by a non-refundable renewal fee that is equal to _____ the normal required application renewal fee for that level as listed in subsection (a)(4) of this section.	1-½ times	2 times	2-½ times	3 times		1-½ times
A candidate who was certified in this state, moved to another state, and is currently certified or licensed and has been in practice in the other state for _____ preceding the date of application may become certified without examination.	1 year	1 & ½ years	2 years	3 years		2 years
An applicant who does not pass the third attempt at the National Registry assessment examination shall not qualify for more than a total of ____ attempts at the exam, in any combination of levels attempted.	Five	Six	Seven	Eight		six

Which of the following is required for recertification;	a. Completion of a department approved initial course	b. Submitting the medical director evaluation sheet	c. The appropriate level recertification fee paid	d. Submission of a formal recertification/refresher course completion certificate	c. The appropriate level recertification fee paid
Which one is not a way to verify certification?	a. applicants receipt of his/her identification card	b. department certification on website	c. permission of the Medical Director	d. contacting the department directly	c. permission of the Medical Director
Who should contact the department to request an application for recertification or download an application from the Website at least 30 days prior to expiration?	Medical Director	b. Certificant	c. EMS Administrator	d. EMS Specialist	b. Certificant
All newly certified applicants and re-certification applicants are required to take a state approved jurisprudence exam each time a certification is up for renewal.	TRUE	FALSE			True
If a certificant allows their license to expire, and attempts to renew the license 1 year after the expiration, the candidate must:	a) Submit a renewal application, pay a fee that is two times the normal fee, and submit verification of skills proficiency to the department for renewal.	b) Can never have an EMS certificate again	c) Submit a renewal application, and verification of CE hours to the department for renewal.	d) The certificate cannot be renewed, and the applicant must follow all the requirements of a new application found in TAC 157.33, which includes retaking a course and passing the National Registry Exam.	d) The certificate cannot be renewed, and the applicant must follow all the requirements of a new application found in TAC 157.33, which includes retaking a course and passing the National Registry Exam.
Which of the following is NOT an option to renew an EMS certification of personnel:	a) Written exam through National Registry	b) Attesting to accrual of Continuing Education credits	c) Submit application and fee only	d) Formal Course Recertification	c) Submit application and fee only
If applicant selects option 1: recertifying by examination, and fails the examination, which option will be available:	a. Applicant still has the option to select another renewal option provided the current license has not expired	b. Retest, with retest application submission	c. May then submit the appropriate amount of CE hours provided the current license has not expired	d. Must then take a recertification course regardless of current license status	b. Retest, with retest application submission
All certification holders are required to maintain their CE records for:	a. 4 years, following the same certification/renewal cycle	b. 5 years, 1 year beyond the certification/renewal cycle	c. 8 years, the state may audit the previous renewal period documentation	d. 6 years, two years beyond the certification/renewal cycle	b. 5 years, 1 year beyond the certification/renewal cycle
If the applicant selects National Registry option 3, which of the following is true:	a. You do not need to submit an application to the State of Texas, we will receive notification from NR	b. You are exempt from taking the Jurisprudence exam and from any renewal audit by the State of Texas	c. You must hold current NR certification, verified by NR number and expiration date on State of Texas application	d. You must then submit a State of Texas renewal application every 2 years following the renewal cycle of NR, not every 4 years as defined by the state	c. You must hold current NR certification, verified by NR number and expiration date on State of Texas application

A candidate whose certification has expired is able to function in the capacity of an EMS certificant or representative until recertification is issued.	a) True	b) False				b) False
Recertification options – Upon submission of a completed application for recertification, the applicant may use any of the following except:	a) Comprehensive skills examination process	b) Continuing education recertification process	c) National Registry recertification process	d) Formal course recertification process	e) Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) recertification process	a) Comprehensive skills examination process
Advance EMT is formerly known _____ as in the State of Texas as:	a. Aggressive EMT	b. EMT – Intermediate	c. Special Skills	d. Medical Director		b. EMT – Intermediate
A person certified by the department who is deployed in support of military, security, or other action by the United Nations Security Council, a national emergency declared by the president of the United States, or a declaration of war by the United States Congress is eligible for recertification under timely recertification requirements from the person’s date of demobilization until one calendar year after the date of demobilization but will not be certified during this period.	a. True	b. False				a. True
A candidate whose certificate has been expired for one year or more may _____.	a. Not renew the certificate	b. Pay a non-refundable administrative fee and late fee	c. Provide 50 hours of community service in addition to CE	d. Take the state examination		a. Not renew the certificate
An EMS volunteer will cease exemption and the individual shall pay a prorated fee to the department based on the number of years remaining in the certification period if such individual receives compensation during the certification period.	a. True	b. False				a. True

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Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
An individual that voluntarily surrenders his license while a disciplinary action is pending may petition the department for reapplication of certification after ____ months or years:	6 Month	1 Year	2 Years	4 Years		2 Years
EMS certifiants may be denied recertification for all of the following reasons EXCEPT	a. Certifiants that are placed on deferred adjudication for a criminal conviction do not have to report their deferred status to the department.	b. A certificant's that works on a licensed ambulance while expired may be denied recertification.	c. A certificant that fails to maintain a substantial amount of skill, knowledge and/or academic acuity may be denied recertification.	d. A certificant that falsely states that he has met his continuing education requirements may be denied recertification.		a. Certifiants that are placed on deferred adjudication for a criminal conviction do not have to report their deferred status to the department.
Which of the following statements might result in administrative action against your EMS certification?	a. The certificant submits a recertification fee to the state that is more than the required fee.	b. The certificant documents more continuing education hours than necessary to renew their certification.	c. The certificant leaves his duty station before his shift ends without ensuring that there is someone to cover the remainder of his shift.	d. The certificant follows medical control (physician) orders that are different than his protocol orders.		c. The certificant leaves his duty station before his shift ends without ensuring that there is someone to cover the remainder of his shift.
A medic that has been arrested for a serious charge such as aggravated kidnapping or murder has ____ days to notify the department of his arrest:	1	2	5	10		5
Emergency Suspension. The commissioner or his/her designee shall issue an emergency suspension order to any emergency medical services (EMS) certificant or licensee if the commissioner or his/her designee has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of any certificant or licensee creates _____ to public health or safety.	A. A possible problem	B. A likely danger	C. An imminent danger	D. A threat		C. An imminent danger

Which of the following reasons is NOT a good reason to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew an EMS certification or paramedic license?	A. Any conduct which is criminal in nature and/or any conduct which is in violation of any criminal, civil and/or administrative code or statute.	B. Failing to make accurate, complete and/or clearly written patient care reports documenting a patient's condition upon arrival at the scene, the prehospital care provided, and patient's status during transport, including signs, symptoms, and responses during duration of transport as per EMS provider's approved policy.	C. Abandoning a patient, turning over the care of a patient or delegating EMS functions to a person who lacks the education, training, experience, knowledge to provide appropriate level of care for the patient.	D. Failing to notify the department no later than 60 days of a current and/or valid mailing address.		D. Failing to notify the department no later than 60 days of a current and/or valid mailing address.
Which of the following reasons is not a valid reason for denial of EMS Certification or Paramedic Licensure?	A. Falsifying any Texas application for certification or licensure or falsifying any application or documentation used to acquire registration, certification or licensure	B. Failure to report being charged with a Class "C" misdemeanor offense that is not directly related to the emergency medical services.	C. Staffing an EMS vehicle deemed to be in service while the person's previously issued certification or license is expired, suspended or has been revoked.	D. Failing to maintain a substantial amount of skill, knowledge and/or academic acuity to timely and/or accurately perform the duties or meet the responsibilities required of a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic.		B. Failure to report being charged with a Class "C" misdemeanor offense that is not directly related to the emergency medical services.
How many business days does a certified or licensed EMS person have to notify the department of his or her being arrested, charged or indicted for a criminal offense?	2 Days	5 Days	7 Days	10 Days		5 Days
An emergency suspension issued to any emergency medical services licensee can be issued only by:	a. State Emergency Medical Services Director	b. Group Manager or his/her program Specialist Investigator	c. Commissioner or his/her designee	d. Group Manager or his/her State Epidemiologist		c. Commissioner or his/her designee
A complete and/or clearly written patient care report does not include:	a. documentation of patients condition upon arrival at scene	b. patients social security number	c. prehospital care provided	d. patients status during transport		b. patients social security number
Which one of the actions below cannot lead to disciplinary action being taken on the licensee:	a. destroying a patient care report	b. making false or misleading statements in an oral report	c. turning patient care over to the same or higher level of care	d. falsifying an EMS patient record		c. turning patient care over to the same or higher level of care

Certified and Licensed EMS personnel are required to notify the department within ____ business days of being arrested, charged, or indicted for a criminal offense.	1	3	7	5		5
The Department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an EMS certification or paramedic license, or may reprimand an EMS certificate holder or licensed paramedic for failing to notify the Department of an arrest, charge or indictment of a criminal offense. How long does an EMS certificate holder or licensed paramedic have to report that they were arrested for Driving While Intoxicated to the Department?	15 Days	10 Days	5 Days	20 Days		5 Days
Which of the following actions could result in disciplinary action taken against an EMS certificate holder or licensed paramedic's certification?	a. Failing to complete a drug screen, at the request of an employer, prior to working an assigned EMS shift	b. Failing to notify the Department within 30 days of a change of address	c. Behaving in a disruptive manner toward law enforcement, other EMS personnel, firefighters, hospital personnel, other medical personnel, patients, family members or others, that interferes with patient care or could be reasonably expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered to a patient	d. Issuing a check to the department that has been returned to the department or its agent unpaid	e. All of the above	e. All of the above
When should an EMS certificate/license holder report an event of abuse or injury to a patient to his employer, appropriate legal authority or the department?	a. within 24 hours or the next business day	b. 2 Days	c. 5 Days	d. 10 Days	e. None of the above	a. within 24 hours or the next business day
The Texas Department of State Health Services may impose the following disciplinary actions, EXCEPT:	a) Suspend their EMS certification	b) Revoke their EMS certification	c) Refuse to renew their EMS certification	d) Incarcerate the EMS certificant or License Holder		d) Incarcerate the EMS certificant or License Holder
The Department may reprimand a certificant or Licensed Paramedic for failing to report to the employer, appropriate legal authority, or the Department, an event of abuse or injury to a patient or the public within 24 hours or the next business day after the event.	a) True	b) False				a) True
The Department may reprimand a certificant or Licensed Paramedic for numerous offenses, which includes which of the following?	a) Failing to notify the Department no later than 30 days of a current and/or valid mailing address	b) Falsifying or altering clinical and/or internship documents for EMS students	c) Falsifying or failing to complete daily readiness checks on EMS vehicles, medical supplies, and/or equipment as required by EMS employers	d) All of the above		d) All of the above
The department may probate the suspension of an EMS certification or paramedic license and as a probationary condition may require the certificant or licensee to continue or review _____ until the person attains a degree of skill satisfactory to the department in those areas that are the basis of the probation.	a. Construction Plans	b. Professional Education	c. Continuing Education	d. Astrology Charts		b. Professional Education

In an _____ the commissioner or his/her designee shall issue an emergency suspension order to any emergency medical services (EMS) certificant or licensee if the commissioner or his/her designee has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of any certificant or licensee creates an imminent danger to public health or safety.	a. Public Health Emergency	b. Circus	c. Emergency Suspension	d. State of Emergency		c. Emergency Suspension
Which is not a disciplinary action for EMS personnel and applicants?	a. Failing or refusing to timely give the department full and complete information requested by the department	b. Turning over the care of a patient or delegating EMS functions to a person who lacks the education, training, experience, or knowledge to provide appropriate level of care for the patient	c. Failing to take precautions to prevent misappropriating medications, supplies equipment, personal items, or money belonging to the patient, employer or any person or entity	d. Protecting and/or advocating for patients/clients and/or the public from unnecessary risk of harm from another EMS certified or licensed personnel		d. Protecting and/or advocating for patients/clients and/or the public from unnecessary risk of harm from another EMS certified or licensed personnel
The department may probate the suspension of an EMS certification or paramedic license and as a probationary condition may require the certificant or licensee to:	a. Complete or continue to meet certain requirements or conditions related to the circumstances surrounding the certificant's or licensee's rule violation or background to assure that he or she will continue to meet and maintain general EMS standards	b. Limit practice to the areas prescribed by the department	c. Report regularly to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on matters that are the basis of the probation	d. Continue or review professional education until the person attains a degree of skill satisfactory to the department in those areas that are the basis of the probation		c. Report regularly to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on matters that are the basis of the probation
Misrepresenting level of any certification or licensure is outlined as a/an _____.	a. Ethical Action	b. Disciplinary Action	c. Leadership Role	d. Professional Conduct		b. Disciplinary Action
Which is not part of the criteria for denial of EMS Certification, or Paramedic Licensure?	a. Misrepresenting any requirements for certification, recertification, licensure, or licensure renewal	b. Staffing an EMS vehicle deemed to be in service while the person's previously issued certification or license is expired, suspended or has been revoked	c. Falsifying any Texas application for certification or licensure or falsifying any application or documentation used to acquire registration, certification or licensure	d. Issuing payment to the department which has been received and deposited by the department or its agent		d. Issuing payment to the department which has been received and deposited by the department or its agent



The department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an EMS certification or paramedic license, or may reprimand a certificant or licensed paramedic for _____	a. Following the medical director's protocols	b. Performing advanced level or invasive treatment without medical direction or supervision	c. Reporting abuse to the employer, appropriate legal authority and/or the department	d. Maintaining confidential information or knowledge concerning a patient except where required or allowed by law		b. Performing advanced level or invasive treatment without medical direction or supervision
The department may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an EMS certification or paramedic license, or may reprimand a certificant or licensed paramedic for the following, except _____	a. Notifying the department of a change in his or her criminal history within 5 business days of the issuance of a court order	b. Engaging in any conduct that jeopardizes or has the potential to jeopardize the health or safety of any person	c. Refusing to timely give the department full and complete information requested by the department	d. Misrepresenting level of any certification or licensure		a. Notifying the department of a change in his or her criminal history within 5 business days of the issuance of a court order
An EMS certification or paramedic license may be denied for _____	a. Issuing a check for any reason to the department which has been accepted by the department or its agent	b. Issuing a check for any reason to the department which has been accepted by the department or its agent	c. Falsifying any Texas application for certification or licensure or falsifying any application or documentation used to acquire registration, certification or licensure	d. Maintaining a substantial amount of skill, knowledge and/or academic acuity to timely and/or accurately perform the duties or meet the responsibilities required of a certified emergency medical technician or licensed paramedic		c. Falsifying any Texas application for certification or licensure or falsifying any application or documentation used to acquire registration, certification or licensure
Two years after denial, revocation of a license, or the voluntary surrender of a certificate or license while disciplinary action is pending, an individual may petition the department in writing for _____.	a. A fee waiver when applying for renewal of their certification or license	b. Having their current record expunged of all prior disciplinary action	c. A temporary certification or license	d. Reapplication for certification or licensure		d. Reapplication for certification or licensure
EMS Personnel are required to notify the Department of his or her arrest, being charged or indicted for any criminal offense, other than any class C misdemeanor not directly related to EMS within how many business days?	a. 2	b. 30	c. 5	d. 45		c. 5
How many years after the denial, revocation of a license, or voluntary surrender of a certification or license while disciplinary action is pending, can an individual petition the Department in writing for reapplication for certification or licensure?	a. 10	b. 2	c. 5	d. Never		b. 2
A Texas paramedic arrives first to an emergency in his supervisor's unit. After assessment, he administers a medication to the patient which stabilizes the patient's condition. He can now turn the patient over to a BLS ambulance crew for transport to the hospital and return to service, since the medical emergency has now been averted and the patient remains stable.	a. True	b. False				b. False
A Texas certified EMT is arrested. She must report this arrest to DSHS by 25 TAC 157 rules before?	a. 1 business day	b. 2 business days	c. 5 business days	d. 15 business days		c. 5 business days

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Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
In order for a person to receive one hour of continuing education, that person must complete ___ consecutive minutes of participation in that learning activity:	30	40	50	60		50
In which of the following statements would a medic receive continuing education:	a. A medic attends a one hour regional advisory council general assembly meeting	b. A medic attends a one hour training session on anaphylaxis that is taught by a state approved CE program.	c. A medic researches a topic on his own and is not published.	d. A medic attends a lay person CPR class.		b. A medic attends a one hour training session on anaphylaxis that is taught by a state approved CE program.
An acceptable continuing education program activity must meet all of the following requirements EXCEPT:	a. Written evaluations are required for all CE presentations, including state and national conferences.	b. Learning experiences and teaching methods shall be appropriate to achieve the objectives of the program.	c. Time allotted for each activity shall be sufficient for the learner to meet the objectives of the program.	d. Principles of adult education shall be used in the design and delivery of the program.		a. Written evaluations are required for all CE presentations, including state and national conferences.
A certificate of successful completion of a continuing education activity must include all of the following except:	a. Name of the CE program	b. The medical director's signature	c. The date and location of the educational activity.	d. The number of contact hours awarded.		b. The medical director's signature
How long must a continuing education program keep CE records?	6 Months	1 Year	2 Years	5 Years		5 Years
Educational activities that are related to the content areas and are designed to promote and enrich knowledge, improve skills, and develop attitudes for the enhancement of professional practice, thus improving the quality of emergency medical services provided to the public is known as:	An initial Education Program	Credited Course	Continuing Education	Clinical Learning Experiences		Continuing Education
Which of the following activities is an approved CE activity?	Institutions of higher education credit courses that are audited.	Courses in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other instructional activities designed for lay persons, including first aid courses.	Any identical CE repeated more than once during the accrual period.	Orientation programs taught by an approved CE program that address providers medical treatment protocols.		Orientation programs taught by an approved CE program that address providers medical treatment protocols.
The certified or licensed EMS personnel shall be responsible for maintaining written certifications of successful completions of EMS continuing education courses or educational activities for ___ years after the dates of completion.	2 Years	4 Years	5 Years	7 Years		5 Years

Falsification of CE documentation or official evidence of completion of CE shall be cause for which of the following answers:	reprimand, probation, suspension	probation, suspension, revocation	reprimand, probation, suspension or revocation	probation, suspension, charges being filed by the department		reprimand, probation, suspension or revocation
What constitutes a contact hour of continuing education?	45 minutes of consecutive participation in a learning activity	50 minutes of consecutive participation in a learning activity	60 minutes of consecutive participation in a learning activity	d. 70 minutes of consecutive participation in a learning activity		50 minutes of consecutive participation in a learning activity
Records of continuing education courses shall be maintained by the provider for:	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years		5 Years
What are the required hours of Continuing Education for an EMT?	45	72	108	36		72
Which of the following are not acceptable forms of Continuing Education	a) Continuing education through an approved continuing education provider	b) Continuing education through a hospital or other health-care facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations	c) Precepting students in the clinical or field internship phases of Initial education.	d) Meetings and activities such as in-service programs that are required as part of employment.		d) Meetings and activities such as in-service programs that are required as part of employment.
If selected for a Continuing Education audit, you must provide the department all necessary documentation to verify compliance within:	30 Days	45 Days	120 Days	15 Days		30 Days
Who is responsible for keeping up with EMS Continuing Education hours accrued required for renewal?	a) EMS provider	b) Texas Department of State Health Services	c) The certified or licensed EMS personnel	d) Medical Director		c) The certified or licensed EMS personnel
The certified or licensed EMS personnel shall be responsible for maintaining written certifications of successful completions of EMS continuing education courses or educational activities for ___ years after completion.	7	4	10	5		5

<p>Choose the incorrect statement:</p>	<p>a. The department may audit the records of individuals seeking recertification through continuing education.</p>	<p>b. Failure to notify the department of a current mailing address shall absolve the certificant from audit requirements.</p>	<p>c. An audit shall be automatic for certified or licensed EMS personnel who have been found non-compliant in an immediately preceding audit.</p>	<p>d. The department may audit specific certified or licensed EMS personnel in response to a complaint, or if there is reason to suspect that the certified or licensed EMS personnel may have given false or inaccurate information about the continuing education requirements completed.</p>	<p>e. All of the above are correct statements.</p>	<p>b. Failure to notify the department of a current mailing address shall absolve the certificant from audit requirements.</p>
<p>Which of the following activities are not acceptable toward re-certification or re-licensure:  Statement A: Courses in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other instructional activities designed for lay persons, including first aid courses.  Statement B: Precepting students in the clinical or field internship phases of Initial education.  Statement C: Institutions of higher education credit courses that are audited.  Statement D: Orientation programs sponsored by employers to provide employees with information about the philosophy, goals, policies, procedures, role expectations, and physical facilities of a specific workplace.  Statement E: Participating in a self-directed study of an EMS related topic or issue that results in the participant making written findings and conclusions of the study which becomes published in an EMS related textbook, or in a state or national EMS related journal or magazine, or which results in the presentation of the findings and conclusions of the study in a department approved workshop, seminar, conference or class, and which is directed toward, or is applicable to, the EMS profession.</p>	<p>a. Statements A, C, and D are not acceptable activities.</p>	<p>b. Statements B and E are not acceptable activities.</p>	<p>c. Statements A, B, C, and D are not acceptable activities.</p>	<p>d. All of the above are not acceptable activities.</p>		<p>a. Statements A, C, and D are not acceptable activities.</p>

1) The following are acceptable methods of obtaining Continual Education (CE) hours, EXCEPT:	a) Precepting students in the clinical or field internship phases of initial education, which may only be accrued in "Additional Approved Content Area Category".	b) Participating in a self-directed study of an EMS related topic or issue that results in the participant making written findings and conclusions of the study which becomes published in an EMS related textbook, or a State or National EMS related journal or magazine, or which results in the presentation of the findings and conclusions of the study in a Department approved workshop, seminar, conference or class, and which is directed toward, or is applicable to the EMS profession.	c) Organization activity such as serving on committees, councils, or as an officer or board member in a professional organization.	d) None of the above.	c) Organization activity such as serving on committees, councils, or as an officer or board member in a professional organization.
2) Program records of a Continuing Education Provider shall be maintained by the provider for a minimum of _____ years from the date of the program completion.	a) Three Years	b) Four Years	c) Five Years	d) Ten Years	c) Five Years
3) Classroom instruction for an EMS Continual Education class shall be at least _____ hour(s) in length.	a) One Hour	b) Two Hours	c) Three Hours	d) No set time	a) One Hour
1) Criteria for acceptable Continuing Education, content shall be relevant to emergency medical services practice and/or _____, shall be related to and consistent with the programs objectives, and shall provide for the professional growth and/or maintenance of the certificant or licensee.	a. Health Care	b. Yoga Class	c. CPR	d. Participation	a. Health Care
2) Principles of _____ education shall be used in the design and delivery of the program.	a. Sufficient	b. Adult	c. Child	d. Program	b. Adult
3) _____ of CE documentation or official evidence of completion of CE shall be cause for reprimand, probation, suspension, or revocation of a certificate or license.	a. Falsification	b. Lack	c. Presentation	d. Renewal	a. Falsification
1. Which continuing education content area is not a department approved CE requirement?	a. Pediatric	b. Culinary Related Operations	c. Patient Assessment	d. Trauma	b. Culinary Related Operations

2. The provider shall be responsible for verifying that continuing education program(s) has physician medical oversight when the education is involving _____.	a. Extrication course	b. Cadaver lab	c. EMS conference	d. Patient care		d. Patient care
3. Fifty Consecutive minutes of participation in a learning activity is known as a _____.	a. Continuing education	b. Course	c. Contact hour	d. Credit course		c. Contact hour
4. Program records of continuing education provider shall be maintained by the provider for a minimum period of _____ years.	a. 5	b. 8	c. 10	d. 25		a. 5
1. Continuing education contact hours applied toward EMS recertification or relicensure may be earned by participating in approved educational activities that are offered or sponsored by _____.	a. A hospital or other health-care facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations	b. A person, agency, entity or organization that has developed a video for the sole purpose of continuing education	c. An internet video found on You Tube related to EMS education.	d. An organization from another country that provides continuing education in a related field such as medicine, nursing, respiratory care and similar fields of health care practice		a. A hospital or other health-care facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations
2. An activity that is unacceptable as continuing education toward re-certification or re-licensure is _____.	a. Precepting students in the clinical or field internship phases of initial education	b. Publication of findings and conclusions of a self-directed EMS related topic in an EMS related magazine or journal	c. Guided learning experiences designed to assist students meet course objectives in noted content areas	d. Participation in an orientation program sponsored by EMS employers about policies, procedures and role expectations in the workplace		d. Participation in an orientation program sponsored by EMS employers about policies, procedures and role expectations in the workplace
3. Certified or licensed EMS personnel may submit _____ indicating successful completion of a semester or credit hour course with a passing grade.	a. High school diploma	b. Official transcript	c. Official copy of the final exam	d. Copies of all passed skills sheets		b. Official transcript
4. Certified or licensed EMS personnel shall be responsible for maintaining written certifications of successful completions of EMS continuing education courses or educational activities for _____.	a. No more than 2 years after the date of completion of the course	b. The duration of the individual's certification	c. Five years after the dates of completion	d. At least one year past the date of completion of the course		c. Five years after the dates of completion
(1) Continuing education contact hours applied toward EMS recertification or relicensure may be earned by participating in approved educational activities that are offered or sponsored by which of the following:	a. A continuing education provider approved by the Department	b. A hospital or other health-care facility accredited by The Joint Commission	c. A person, agency, entity, or organization approved by the Department	d. All of the above		d. All of the above

## Jurisprudence Exam Questions & Answers 773

Question	Answer 1	Answer 2	Answer 3	Answer 4	Answer 5	Correct Answer
A person commits an offense if the person knowingly practices as, attempts to practice as, or represents himself to be an emergency medical technician-paramedic, advanced emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician, emergency care attendant, or licensed paramedic and the person does not hold an appropriate certificate issued by the department under this chapter. An offense under this subsection is a:	a. A felony criminal offense	b. Class B misdemeanor criminal offense	c. Class A misdemeanor criminal offense	d. Level III felony criminal offense		c. Class A misdemeanor criminal offense
A person commits an offense if the person knowingly uses or permits to be used a vehicle that the person owns, operates or controls to transport a sick or injured person unless the person is licensed as an emergency medical services provider by the department. An offense under this subsection is:	a. A civil penalty	b. A speeding ticket	c. Class A misdemeanor criminal offense	d. Level III Felony criminal offense		c. Class A misdemeanor criminal offense
Prosecution of a criminal offense under TAC Chapter 773 must be prosecuted at which of the following locations:	a. In the designated EMS court of Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council of Texas	b. In the county where the offense did not occur	c. The nearest local justice of the peace office where the offense occurred.	d. In the county where the offense occurred		d. In the county where the offense occurred



**Submit this form with the appropriate supplemental documentation by email to EMS Education.**

Email: [EMSEducation@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:EMSEducation@dshs.texas.gov)

For assistance with this form, contact [EMSEducation@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:EMSEducation@dshs.texas.gov) or (512) 834-6704

**Education Program Information**

Name of Legal Entity:			Continuing Education Program Number:
Entity Assumed / Operating Name (dba):			
Contact Phone Number:		Contact Email:	

**Change in Program Address**

Physical Address	Mailing Address	Records Location Address	Effective Date:	
Address:				
City, State, Zip			County:	
Physical Address	Mailing Address	Records Location Address	Effective Date:	
Address:				
City, State, Zip			County:	
Physical Address	Mailing Address	Records Location Address	Effective Date:	
Address:				
City, State, Zip			County:	

**Program Director**

New Program Director's Name:			DSHS Certification #	
Mailing Address:				
City, State, Zip			County:	
Phone:		Fax:		
Email:				
Reason for Change:				



**Infection Control Officer**

New Infection Control Officer's Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State, Zip		County:	
Phone:		Fax:	
Email:			
Reason for Change:			

**Physician Advisor**

New Physician Advisor's Name:		Medical License #:	
Email:			
Phone:		Fax:	

**Jurisprudence Examination**

<input type="checkbox"/> This continuing education program will offer the Jurisprudence Examination.	Effective Date:	
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**Other (Explain below)**

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**Program Director Authorization**

On behalf of the above named legal entity, to the Texas Department of State Health Services, I hereby affirm and declare that all information submitted on this form and attached supplemental documents are true and correct. It is understood that any false information given or misrepresentation made in this application or other requested documents may result in revocation or denial of program approval/license. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Chapter 773 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Title 25 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 157.		
Print Name of Program Director	Signature of Program Director	Date

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# Jurisprudence Exam

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**DSHS EMS Coordinator  
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# Common Questions

- What is a Jurisprudence Exam?
- Why is it required?
- Who needs to take it and when?
- Who and how can you provide it?
- What documentation is required?
- Why is DSHS doing it this way?

# What is a Jurisprudence Exam?

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## Purpose

- A **jurisprudence exam** determines the knowledge of the Health & Safety Code - Ch. 773, department rules, and any other applicable laws affecting the applicant's activities regulated by the department.
- Imposed by the 84th Legislature



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# Who needs to take it and when?

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- An initial applicant for an emergency medical services provider license or emergency medical services personnel certification
- EMS personnel certification prior to their certification renewal



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# Who can provide it?

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- Any DSHS approved continuing education (CE) program
- All initial education programs at any level **must** provide the course to students before issuing a course completion certificate



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# How do you provide it?

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- The course can be presented in any format.
- There should be a lesson or scenario about the law and/or rule presented to the students and then a series of questions over the law and/or rule to validate the students knowledge



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# Goals and Objectives

- DSHS will provide Goals and Objectives

## Jurisprudence Course and Exam

### Goals and Objectives

(03/27/2017)

1. HSC 773
  - a. Sec. 773.050. MINIMUM STANDARDS – Jurisprudence Exams
  - b. Sec. 773.0612. ACCESS TO RECORDS
  - c. Sec. 773.064. CRIMINAL PENALTIES
2. 157.32 – Definitions
  - a. Meanings as used in Texas Administrative Code Rules
3. 157.11 – Requirements for an EMS Provider License
  - a. Administrator of Record Requirements
  - b. Minimum Staffing requirements for different levels (BLS, ALS, MICU, etc.)
  - c. Treatment and Transport Protocol requirements
  - d. Minimum Equipment requirements for different levels (BLS, ALS, MICU, etc.)
  - e. Responsibilities of the EMS Provider
4. 157.16 – EMS Provider Disciplinary Actions
  - a. Reasons for disciplinary actions
  - b. Types of disciplinary actions
5. 157.33 – Certification
  - a. Certification requirements
  - b. Certification length
  - c. Time limit on completing requirements
  - d. Reciprocity
  - e. Responsibilities of an EMS Personnel
6. 157.34 – Recertification
  - a. Recertification requirements
  - b. Recertification Options
  - c. Late recertification
7. 157.26 – EMS Personnel Disciplinary Actions
  - a. Reasons for disciplinary actions
  - b. Types of disciplinary actions
8. 157.38 – Continuing Education
  - a. Local credentialing and authorization to practice
  - b. Definitions
  - c. Types of and criteria for acceptable continuing education
  - d. Responsibilities of certified or licensed EMS personnel
  - e. Audits

9. 197.3 Off-line Medical Director
  - a. Duties
  - b. Requirements of the medical director
  - c. Education requirements
  - d. Physicians that may not be off-line medical director
10. 1003 Injury Prevention and Control
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Confidentiality of Records
  - c. Reporting requirements for EMS Providers





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# Sample Questions

- DSHS will provide sample questions

## EMS Jurisprudence Exam Questions

### EMS Rule §157.2 - Definitions

- 1) With regards to EMS and hospital, "Bypass" means one of the following:
  - a) Direction given to an EMS provider, either by direction-line control, or predetermined triage criteria, to bypass the nearest hospital for the most appropriate hospital/trauma facility.
  - b) Direction given to an EMS provider by the local hospital to bypass them with a patient that they prefer not to accept.
  - c) Is a policy or procedure established by the EMS provider, allowing them to pick which hospital they prefer to deliver patients to.
  - d) Is a decision often left up to the transporting EMS crew, as to which hospital to deliver the patient to.
- 2) A designated infection control officer is considered:
  - a) The person designated to provide over site of the procedures established to limit the potential of exposure to life threatening diseases while treating and/or transporting patients.
  - b) The person designated to serve as a liaison between the EMS crew and the Medical Director when infection disease issues arise.
  - c) An infection control expert in how to prevent and handle potentially infectious patients.
  - d) A designated officer who serves as a liaison between the employer's employees who have been or believe they have been exposed to a potentially life threatening infectious disease by a person who was treated and/or transported by the EMS provider.
- 3) A diversion in reference to EMS and hospitals means:
  - a) The EMS is allowed to divert to the hospital of their choice.
  - b) EMS is allowed to divert to the hospital preferred by the patient.
  - c) A procedure put into effect by a trauma facility to ensure appropriate patient care when that facility is unable to provide the level of care demanded by a trauma patient's injuries or when the facility has temporarily exhausted its resources.
  - d) A procedure put into effect by an EMS service to ensure appropriate patient care when a facility is believed to be unable to provide the level of care demanded by a trauma patient's injuries or when the facility has temporarily exhausted its resources.

# What documentation is required?

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## EMS Personnel

- Just like acquiring any other CE certificate per 157.38
- Maintain CE record for 5 years
- No need to submit to DSHS unless requested by the department

# What documentation is required?

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## EMS Providers

- Provide proof during Initial and Renewal of license application phase – done in 2 ways:
  - Attestation during application process
  - Validated by DSHS during on-site Compliance Surveys and/or Inspections
- Proof that all licensed and certified EMS personnel have completed a department-approved Jurisprudence Exam

# What documentation is required?

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## EMS Initial Education Programs

- Maintain a record of completion for a minimum of 5 years that would be verified during course records audits or site visits
- Any course started after **September 2017** is required to include the jurisprudence course and exam
- No notification to DSHS is required

# What documentation is required?

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## EMS CE Programs

- Provide record to students like you would for any other CE class
- Meet all the requirements of 157.38
- Notify DSHS of your intent to provide the Jurisprudence Exam
  - 1 page notification form will be available on DSHS website – Education Programs link
  - For DSHS tracking purposes only

# Why is DSHS doing it this way?

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- This method will provide many options for the delivery of the material to over 65,000 license holders spread out across the State.

# Questions?



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# For future questions

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## Call:

- North Group, 817-264-4720
- Central Group, 512-834-6704
- South Group, 210-949-2050
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# Thank you

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