

NREMT outlines recertification changes

The National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) is planning changes in its recertification processes, including online recertification, new recertification requirements and a reinstatement program for anyone who has been registered at NREMT. All three changes will be in place by 2016 and will apply to only to those who choose to recertify with NREMT.

Online NREMT recertification

The NREMT launched online recertification as an option for NREMTs two years ago.

In 2012 more than 56 percent of all NREMTs recertified online. But by 2015 all NREMTs will be *required* to recertify online. Anyone needing assistance with online recertification (or other certification issues) can receive



assistance from NREMT by calling (614) 888-4484 and speaking with the call center staff.

Recertification hours reduced for 2016

The hours of continuing education required to recertify at NR will be reduced (in most cases) from the old 72 hours every two years. Each level of EMS provider will have a different number of continuing competency requirements:

- First Responder – 16 hours

every two years: 8 hours are national, 4 are local and 4 are individual

- Emergency Medical Technician – 40 hours every two years: 20 hours are national, 10 are local and 10 are individual
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – 50 hours every two years: 25 are national, 12.5 are local and 12.5 are individual
- Paramedic – 60 hours every two years: 30 are national, 15 are local and 15 are individual

Mark King Initiative for recertification

NREMT is rolling out a system that allows EMTs to regain their NR certification without testing if a state meets certain criteria laid out by NREMT. Called the Mark King Initiative, the system is already being tested in Alabama, Vermont and South Carolina.



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