

Massachusetts EMT Renewal and Transition to NREMT Educational Requirements 2018

Need to take the new “Refresher” course including the National Registry of EMT’s core curriculum?

All EMT’s in Massachusetts must take the new course which is now called the NCCP (National Continued Competency Program).

This course replaces the “old” Massachusetts EMT Refresher course and is 4 hours less in duration.

The newly named NCCR *may be implemented* in any of the following formats:

- 20 hours of in-class, instructor lead, or
- Blended learning: Part online (see below) and part in-class

The educational standards are specific topics and skill based. The 20 hour bundled course will cover all requirements.

The National Continued Competency Program: The ‘New’ Recertification

The **national component** of the NCCP (the ‘new’ refresher) will constitute **50% of the new recertification requirements** at each level and will replace the traditional DOT refresher. Topics will be updated every four years and will reflect current trends in evidence-based medicine, scope of practice changes and position papers from numerous associations involved with EMS research. It will also serve to focus on those patient presentations that have a low frequency but high criticality.

The **local component** of the NCCP will constitute **25% of the new recertification requirements at** each level. The requirement for these hours will be decided by local entities, including the state, region or agency. These topics can include, but are not limited to, state or local protocol changes, tasks that require remediation based on QA/QI and topics chosen from run reviews. The local component allows national recertification requirements to be adapted to the needs of the state and local agencies. Methods to provide current continuing education such as monthly training, conferences, and in-service training will stay the same.

Finally, the **individual component** of the NCCP will constitute the last **25% of the new recertification requirements** at each level. Within this component, an individual is free to take any EMS-related education. As a result of the new NCCP recertification model, the total continuing education hours needed to recertify a national EMS certification have been reduced for EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics (Table 1). As this model is implemented throughout the country, more information regarding the transition to the new recertification model will be provided.

Table 1. NCCP Hour Requirements by Level (Every 2 Years)

	National (50%)	Local (25%)	Individual (25%)	Total Hours
Paramedic	30	15	15	60
AEMT	25	12.5	12.5	50
EMT	20	10	10	40
EMR	8	4	4	16

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A total of 17 hours or one third of your education in a recertification period can be taken online unless the course is instructor led.

Our INTERACTIVE component requires you to complete the specific topic (s) during a period of time in which you may have direct communication with a faculty member in “Real-Time” if needed.

You decide how many online credits you desire to use and/or what time frame to use the interactive option.

We look forward to assisting you through the recertification process and making the transition as easy as possible.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 3, 2015 **AUTHORIZATION:** M. Kass, Director
TITLE: EMT Continuing Education Standards
SUPERSEDES: August 1, 2013

A. Continuing Education Course Category and Topical Hour Requirements:

1. Massachusetts certified EMTs without NREMT certification, or NREMT certified personnel affiliated with a Massachusetts agency on NREMT.org must meet the NREMT’s National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) requirements. In accordance with this program, EMTs must take continuing education courses falling into three categories: National, Local and Individual.
 - i. The **national category** requirements are determined by the NREMT Board of Directors based upon data and input from EMS researchers, EMS physician and EMS provider stakeholders.
 - ii. The **local category** requirement is determined by 1) State EMS Offices, 2) EMS region (where applicable), or 3) agency-level administrators (for example Medical Directors and Training Officers). (Includes QA/QI)
 - iii. The **individual category** requirements are determined by the individual provider. Please refer to the NCCP documentation available on the Department website, www.mass.gov/dph/oems, or from the NREMT, at www.nremt.org.
2. Distributive education restrictions:
 1. For EMTs with certification expiring April 1, 2016, only one-third of the total continuing education course hours for recertification may be done through Distributive Education, in accordance with the NCCP Pilot Program, Beta Version 2 document (effective May 1, 2013).

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3. For EMTs with certification expiring April 1, 2017 and thereafter,

Online (Distributive Ed.)

Allowances:

NCCR – 7 Hour Max. Online

LCCR – 0 Hours Online

ICCR – 10 Hours Online

Only one-third of the continuing education course hours to meet the National category may be done through Distributive Education, and All of the hours to meet Individual category may be done through Distributive Education in accordance with the NCCP (effective July 1, 2015). None of the continuing education course hours to meet the Local requirements may be completed through Distributive Education.

4. Minimum hours requirements to meet recertification requirements in 105 CMR 170.810(C)(2)(b), 170.820(C)(2)(b), and 170.840(C)(2)(b):
 - i. EMT-Basics: The total number of hours required under the NCCP is 40 hours – 20 National, 10 Local and 10 Individual topics.
 - ii. Advanced EMT: The total number of hours required under the NCCP is 50 hours – 25 National; 12.5 Local and 12.5 Individual topics.
 - iii. Paramedics: The total number of hours required under the NCCP is 60 hours – 30 National, 15 Local and 15 Individual topics.
5. Local Category of NCCP for Massachusetts EMTs:
 - i. EMTs with certification expiring April 1, 2018 or thereafter must take all hours for the local category via non-distributive education. There are no required courses or content that must be taken for this category at this time. Please keep in mind that all EMTs working for an ambulance service as EMTs have required courses in order to staff ambulances. If these courses receive OEMS Continuing Education approval numbers, they may be eligible towards renewal of an individual's EMT certification.