



# Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

## Requirements for Initial Certification:

Applicants must:

- ✓ Successfully complete an EMT course approved by the EMS Board (approximately 165 hours).
- ✓ Successfully complete an internship approved by MIEMSS before taking the written and practical certification examinations.
- ✓ Score at least a 70 percent on the EMT written certification examination approved and administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ Successfully complete the EMT practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ Be currently affiliated with a BLS EMS Operation Program.

EMT training is offered by local community colleges throughout Maryland, the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), fire and rescue academy programs, and is also available in some Maryland public high schools.

Once obtained, a Maryland EMT certification is valid for a period of three years, provided that the provider maintains a valid EMS affiliation. Within this three year certification period, an EMT must complete all the renewal requirements outlined on the next page to renew for a subsequent three year period. Those possessing EMT training who do not have a valid affiliation may continue to renew their EMT, but are prohibited from practicing in Maryland.

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<p>Renewal Requirements:</p>	<p>EMTs wishing to renew their certification MUST document and submit the following on a MIEMSS approved form before their expiration date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Current affiliation with a BLS EMS Operation Program.</li> <li>✓ *Successful completion of a 12 hour EMT Skills refresher course (S), or an approved Skills Competency Evaluation</li> <li>✓ *Completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education credits broken down in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 hours of Medical (M)</li> <li>• 4 hours of Trauma (T)</li> <li>• 4 hours of Local Option (L)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>* – A MIEMSS approved 24-hour EMT Refresher course (C) is the most popular means of obtaining both the skills and continuing education for renewal.</p>
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<p>Using NREMT for Maryland EMT Renewal</p>	<p>A Maryland EMT that holds a valid National Registry EMT card at the time of their renewal may utilize the NREMT card to recertify. For example, a Maryland EMT with a certification that expires 6/30/2011 must submit a NREMT card that expires 3/31/2012 or later. The below forms and required documentation must be submitted as a complete packet and must be received by 14 days prior to your Maryland EMT expiration date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete the <u>EMT Certification Renewal Application</u> and attach a copy of your current and valid NREMT card.</li> <li>✓ Hold a current affiliation with a BLS EMS Operation Program - Through your chain of command, complete the <u>Affiliation &amp; Student Application Release form</u>.</li> <li>✓ Have completed all required Protocol updates.</li> </ul>
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