



Emergency Medical Dispatcher

Requirements for Initial Licensure:

Applicants must:

- ✓ Successfully complete the basic telecommunicator course or an equivalent course approved by the Emergency Numbers Board **OR** 2,000 hours of public safety call taking or call allocating experience.
- ✓ Successfully complete an Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) training program approved by the EMS Board.
- ✓ Be currently affiliated with an EMD Operation Program approved by the EMS Board.
- ✓ Successfully complete the EMD written examination of an approved EMD training program.
- ✓ Submit evidence of successful completion within the previous 18 months of a health care provider level CPR curriculum or equivalent approved by the EMS Board **OR** for applicants with a disability which prevents the performance of the practical portion of a CPR training course, successful completion of both the didactic portion of the CPR training course and the CPR course written examination within the previous 18 months.

EMD training is offered by approved EMD Programs throughout Maryland.

Once obtained, a Maryland EMD license is valid for a period of two years, provided that the provider maintains a valid EMD EMS affiliation. Within this two year licensure period, an EMD must complete all renewal requirements as outlined below to renew for a subsequent two year period.

Renewal Requirements:

EMDs wishing to renew their license **MUST** document and submit the following on a [MIEMSS approved form](#) before their expiration date:

- ✓ Verification of affiliation with an EMD Operation Program approved by the EMS Board.
- ✓ Meet the skills proficiency requirements of the EMD program.
 - For applicants with a disability which prevents the performance of the practical portion of a CPR training course, documentation of successful completion of both the didactic portion of the CPR training course and the CPR course written examination within the previous 18.
- ✓ Meet the continuing education requirements of the EMD program.