



Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Requirements for Initial Certification:

Applicants must:

- ✓ Successfully complete a Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course approved by the EMS Board (approximately 10 hours).
- ✓ Successfully complete the practical certification examination administered in the EMR course.
- ✓ Score at least a 70 percent on the EMR written certification examination administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ If using an AED as a EMR, be currently affiliated with an EMS Operation Program.

Emergency Medical Responder training is offered by local community colleges the [Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute](#) (MFRI), various law enforcement agencies, throughout Maryland, and is also available in some Maryland public high schools. Once obtained, a Maryland Emergency Medical Responder certification is valid for a period of three years. Within this three year certification period, a Maryland Emergency Medical Responder must complete all renewal requirements as outlined below to renew for a subsequent three year period.

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Renewal Requirements:

Emergency Medical Responders wishing to renew their certification MUST document and submit the following on a MIEMSS approved form before their expiration date:

- ✓ If using an AED as a EMR, a current affiliation with an EMS Operation Program.
- ✓ *Successful completion of a Emergency Medical Responder Skills course (S), which has been approved by MIEMSS. (6 hours)
- ✓ *Completion of a minimum of six (6) hours of continuing education credits broken down in the following manner:
 - 2 hours of Medical (M)
 - 2 hours of Trauma (T)
 - 2 hours of Local Option (L)

* – A MIEMSS approved 12-hour Emergency Medical Responder Refresher course (C) is the most popular means of obtaining both the skills and continuing education required for renewal.