

Paramedic

Renewal Options and Requirements

Certification Expiring on March 31, 2017

There are three (3) renewal options available to Paramedics with certification expiring on March 31, 2017. Depending on your specific situation, and as described in more detail on the following pages, you may be eligible to use one or more of these options. Please note that whatever option you select, Minnesota Statute requires that you also complete a course in advanced cardiac life support.¹

By way of background, earlier this year the EMSRB's Board approved the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as a renewal model for Paramedics (as well as for Advanced EMTs and EMTs).

Even so, Minnesota statute² (and the NREMT) still allow the following Paramedic renewal options:

¹ See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(1\)](#)

² See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(2\)](#)

Paramedic Renewal Option No. 1

Successfully complete 48 hours of continuing education in emergency medical training programs, appropriate to the level of the applicant's Paramedic certification, that are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation National EMS Education Standards

A Paramedic may take the United States Department of Transportation EMT refresher course without the written or practical test, and as appropriate to the Paramedic's level of certification, as part of the 48 hours of continuing education. Each hour of the refresher course counts toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement.³

For Paramedics with certification expiring in 2017 and who are Nationally Registered, renewal using 48 hours of continuing education will meet the NCCR component requirement of the NCCP model. When renewing on the NREMT web site, please indicate in the *Class Detail* that the NCCR component is a Minnesota-Approved Refresher at 30 hours. The remaining 18 hours may be applied to LCCR or ICCR components.

Each hour of the course in advanced cardiac life support counts toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement⁴ and may be applied to the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

³ See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(2\)](#)

⁴ See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(2\)](#)

Paramedic Renewal Option No. 2

Successfully complete the NCCP Model, which was approved by the EMSRB Board (as the equivalent of 48 hours of continuing education)

Please note the following:

- If you are a Nationally-Registered Paramedic, you must renew using the NCCP model. The NCCR component of the NCCP model may be satisfied by completing:
 - 30 hours of the NCCR component (2012 or 2016 versions);
 - 48 hours of continuing education as discussed in Option No. 1; or
 - Option No. 3, if applicable (found on the next page)
- If you reinstate your National Registry through the Mark King Initiative (MKI), you must renew your certification using the NCCP model.
- If you are not Nationally-Registered and do not intend on reinstating through the Mark King Initiative, you are able to renew your Minnesota Paramedic certification using the NCCP model, if you wish.
- If you are not Nationally-Registered, it still is possible to maintain Minnesota-only certification with the EMSRB. That option, however, ends in 2036 (that's right, in about twenty years) at which time all EMS personnel must be Nationally-Registered with the NREMT.

Each hour of a course in advanced cardiac life support counts toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement⁵ and may be applied to the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information

⁵ See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(2\)](#)

Paramedic Renewal Option No. 3

Successfully complete the equivalent of 48 hours of continuing education as approved by a licensed ambulance service's medical director

This option is available only to a Paramedic who:

- a) is on the roster of a licensed ambulance service; and**
- b) has the ambulance service's medical director approving this option.**

Please note the following:

For Paramedics with certification expiring in 2017 and who are Nationally Registered, renewal using the equivalent of 48 hours of continuing education as approved by their ambulance medical director will meet the NCCR component requirement for the NCCP model. When renewing on the NREMT web site, please indicate in the *Class Detail*, that the NCCR component is a Minnesota-Approved Refresher and indicate the number of hours of this refresher. These Paramedics still must meet the requirements of the LCCR and ICCR components.

Each hour of the course in advanced cardiac life support counts toward the 48-hour continuing education equivalent requirements⁶ and may be applied to the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

We hope this document has been helpful in explaining Paramedic renewal options and requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the EMSRB with any questions at (651) 201-2800, at EMSRB@state.mn.us, or feel free to contact your EMS Specialist.

⁶ See [Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7\(b\)\(2\)](#)