

Emergency Medical Technician

Renewal Options and Requirements

Certification Expiring on March 31, 2018

There are four (4) renewal options available to EMTs with certification expiring on March 31, 2018. Depending on your specific situation, and as described in more detail in 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 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.¹

By way of background, 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 all EMTs (as well as for Advanced EMTs and Paramedics).

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

¹ See Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7(a)(1)

² See Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7(a)(2)

EMT Renewal Option No. 1

Take the United States Department of Transportation EMT refresher course and pass the practical skills test portion of the course

Renewing with the EMT refresher course requires that the EMT pass the practical skills test portion of that course as determined by the education program and consistent with the course content. The practical skills test may be included as part of the refresher course.³

For EMTs who are Nationally Registered, this “traditional style” refresher will meet the NCCR component requirement for the NCCP Model. When renewing on the NREMT web site, please note in the *Class Detail* that the NCCR component is a Minnesota-Approved Refresher, and indicate 20 hours. Additional classroom hours may be applied to the requirements of the LCCR or ICCR components.

The cardiopulmonary resuscitation course may be included as part of the refresher course.⁴ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation course hours also may be applied to the requirements of the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

³ See Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7(a)(2)

⁴ See Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7(a)(2)

EMT Renewal Option No. 2

Successfully complete 48 hours of continuing education in EMT programs that are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation National EMS Education Standards

Renewal by successfully completing 48 hours of continuing education no longer requires passing a specific practical skills test approved by the Board

For EMTs 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 and indicate 20 hours. The remaining 28 hours may be used to meet the requirements of the LCCR and ICCR components.

The cardiopulmonary resuscitation course may be included as part of the continuing education requirements.⁵ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation course hours also may be applied to the requirements of the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

⁵ See Minn. Stat. § 144E.28, subd. 7(a)2

EMT Renewal Option No. 3

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

Renewal using the NCCP Model does not require passing a specific practical skills test approved by the Board

Please note the following:

- If you are a Nationally-Registered EMT, you must renew using the NCCP Model. The NCCR component of the NCCP may be satisfied by completing:
 - 20 hours of the NCCR component (2012 or 2016 versions);
 - The “traditional style” refresher as discussed in Option No. 1;
 - 48 hours of continuing education as discussed in Option No. 2; or
 - Option No. 4, 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 EMT certification using the NCCP Model, if you wish.
- If you are not Nationally-Registered, it still is possible to maintain Minnesota-only EMT 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.

Please consult the NREMT website for further information on how cardiopulmonary resuscitation course hours may be applied to the requirements of the NCCP model.

EMT Renewal Option No. 4

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

Renewal by successfully completing the equivalent of 48 hours of continuing education as approved by the ambulance service's medical director no longer requires passing a specific practical skills test approved by the Board

This option is available only to an EMT 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 EMTs 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. Any course hours beyond the 20 may be applied to the requirements of the LCCR and ICCR components.

The cardiopulmonary resuscitation course may be included as part of the 48-hour continuing education equivalent requirements.⁶ Cardiopulmonary resuscitation course hours also may be applied to the requirements of the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

⁶ See Minn. Stat. §144E.28, subd. 7(a)(2)

We hope this document has been helpful in explaining EMT 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.