Paramedic

Renewal Options and Requirements

Certification Expiring on March 31st.

There are three (3) renewal options available to Paramedics with certification expiring on March 31st. 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, 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:

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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 who are Nationally Registered, renewal using 48 hours of continuing education MAY NOT meet the NCCR component requirement of the NCCP model. Only certain hours may apply.

Each hour of the course in advanced cardiac life support counts toward the 48-hour continuing education requirement ⁴ and may be applied to the NCCP model. Please consult the NREMT website for further information.

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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 (per NREMT guidelines);
  - 15 hours of LCCR components
  - 15 hours of ICCR components

- If you are not Nationally-Registered, it still is possible to maintain Minnesota-only certification with the EMSRB. That option, however, ends in 2036, 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 who are Nationally Registered, renewal using the equivalent of 48 hours of continuing education as approved by their ambulance medical director MAY NOT meet the NCCR component requirement for the NCCP model.

Each hour of the course in advanced cardiac life support counts toward the 48-hour continuing education equivalent requirements\(^6\) 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.

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