Assessment Tip Sheet

Health Science – EMT Certification/EMT Assessment

Career Cluster: **Health Science**

Programs: **26.0102 Biotechnology Medical Services**
                           51.0000 Therapeutic Services
                           51.0707 Health Informatics
                           51.1000 Diagnostic Services

Certification Names: National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Certification Vendor Website

View the Testing of [NREMT Cognitive Exam](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nremt/) website at
http://www.pearsonvue.com/nremt/

Frequently Asked Questions

How many Questions are on the certification and is the certification timed?
The NREMT EMT cognitive exam is a [computer adaptive test (CAT)](https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/cognitive-exam)
(https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/cognitive-exam). The number of items a
candidate can expect on the EMT exam will range from 70 to 120.

What's on the exams?
The exam will cover the entire spectrum of emergency medical service (EMS) care
including: Airway, Respiration & Ventilation; Cardiology & Resuscitation; Trauma;
Medical; Obstetrics/Gynecology; EMS Operations. Items related to patient care are
focused on adult and geriatric patients (85%) and pediatric patients (15%). In order to
pass the exam, candidates must meet a standard level of competency. The passing
standard is defined by the ability to provide safe and effective entry level emergency
medical care. We strongly encourage candidates to review the following information
regarding the [Cognitive Exams](https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-cognitive-exam):
- https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-cognitive-exam
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Who must take the assessment?
Students enrolled in the state-approved CTE programs listed above whom either:

    1) Completed the EMT program in the current school year (have completed all
       12 segments) and at least a 2.0 in each course section.

       -OR-

2) Are program concentrators (completed more than half the program – seven or more segments) and who will leave school at the end of the current school year.

What is the procedure to order certifications?
Application Process

- Create an [account/login profile](https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/dashboard/login) (https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/dashboard/login) on this website.
- Submit an NREMT application and answer all questions truthfully.
- The NREMT may deny certification or take other appropriate actions in regard to applicants for certification or recertification when a [criminal conviction](https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-criminal) (https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-criminal) has occurred.
- Pay the application fee of $80 (U.S. funds). The application fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. **This fee is charged for each attempt of the cognitive examination.**
- Candidates will receive an electronic Authorization to Test (ATT) once you are eligible for the exam. The electronic ATT contains scheduling instructions and important details concerning proper identification required at testing centers. You can find the ATT in the 'Check Application Status' page.

Please note: If students are 18 years or older, students may take the EMT National Certification. However, students under the age of 18 may take the EMT Assessment. When the student turns 18, they can have their results transferred to NREMT certification for an administrative fee. Please call NREMT at 1-614-888-4484 for more information on the difference between the EMT Certification and the EMT Assessment.

Individuals applying for the EMT national certification/EMT Assessment must meet the following requirements:

1) Are 18 years of age or older if taking the EMT certification or if under 18 years of age, taking the EMT Assessment.
2) Successful completion of a state-approved EMT course that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards for the Emergency Medical Technician.
   a) Candidates must have completed the course within the past two years, and the course program director must verify successful course completion on the NREMT website.
3) Have a current CPR-BLS for "Healthcare Provider" or equivalent credential.
4) Successful completion of the NREMT cognitive (knowledge) and a state-approved psychomotor (skills) exams.
   a) Passed portions of each exam (cognitive and psychomotor) remain valid for twelve (12) months.

How much do the exams cost?
$80 (U.S. funds). The application fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. This fee is charged for each attempt of the cognitive examination.

Are practice tests available?
Yes. This adaptive practice is available to students within the EMT program at Kellogg Community College. This is a product and service of Platinum Education through EMSTesting. Student web site: www.platinumedu.com

Pretesting
Pretesting is not allowed with the NREMT.

What is the testing window?
Two years from completion of initial education program. If the candidate is not currently state licensed as an EMT and it has been more than two years from the completion of an approved EMT course, the candidate must complete a new state-approved EMT course prior to applying for the certification test.

Is Training Available for Site Coordinators, Proctors?
Yes. This training is scheduled through the NREMT and State of Michigan EMS and Trauma Division.

How do I access technical support?
The NREMT can be contacted at the following web site https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/dashboard/contact.

Information about Exam Accommodations:
It is the policy of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to administer its certification examinations in a manner that does not discriminate against an otherwise qualified applicant. The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians offers reasonable and appropriate accommodations for the written and psychomotor components of the registration examination for those persons with documented disabilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The NREMT urges candidates requesting any accommodation to submit such requests as early as possible to provide adequate time to resolve any documentation issues that may arise. **At a minimum, all requests for accommodations must be received by the NREMT no less than thirty (30) days before the scheduled test date.**

The NREMT will review each request on an individual basis and make decisions relative to appropriate accommodations based on the following general guidelines:

1. To be considered for an accommodation under the ADA, an individual must present adequate documentation demonstrating that his/her condition substantially limits one or more major life activities.
2. Only individuals with disabilities who, with or without reasonable accommodations, meet the eligibility requirements for certification at the level of the requested examination are eligible for accommodations.

3. Requested accommodations must be reasonable and appropriate for the documented disability and must not fundamentally alter the examination's ability to assess the essential functions of out-of-hospital care, which the test is designed to measure.
4. Professionals conducting assessments, rendering diagnoses of specific disabilities, and/or making recommendations for appropriate accommodations must be qualified to do so.
5. The NREMT realizes that each candidate's circumstances are unique and uses a case by case approach to review the documentation is required.
6. All documentation submitted in support of a requested accommodation will be kept in confidence and will be disclosed to NREMT staff and consultants only to the extent necessary to evaluate the accommodation. No information concerning an accommodation request will be released to third parties without written permission from the candidate.

More information can be obtained through the following web link: https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-accommodations

Non-English Languages Available:
The assessment is not available in other languages.

How are reports accessed?
Candidates seeking National EMS Certification at the Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic take Computer Adaptive Tests (CAT). An adaptive test is a variable length, algorithm-delivered exam. This means the computer is programmed to select items in a specific, logical manner. The decision regarding passing or failing an algorithm exam is the same as with paper and pencil examinations: has the candidate reached the level of entry-level competency (passed) or has the candidate not yet reached entry-level competency (failed).

Exam results are posted on the NREMT's password-secure website through an individual's login account usually within two business days following the completion of the examination, provided you have met all other requirements of registration.

What is a passing score on the certifications?
Those candidates who pass the exam are sent National EMS Certification credentials by the NREMT. Candidates who successfully demonstrate entry-level competency do not receive specific details regarding their examination results, as it is not necessary.

Candidates who fail to meet entry-level competency are provided information regarding their testing experience. This information is useful for identifying areas to concentrate future studies in preparation for their next attempt. The information indicates if a candidate is "above," "near," or "below," the level of entry-level competency in the various content areas.

Candidates who are "above" the standard can be somewhat confident they have sufficient knowledge in that content area, allowing them to pass the exam. However, failure to review the material in that content area can result in failing the exam again.

Candidates who are "near" the standard can be slightly above or slightly below the standard and should certainly study these areas. Being "near" the passing standard does not indicate pass or fail; rather it can be interpreted as an area to study.

Candidates who are "below" the standard need to enhance their study in this area. Candidates who fail the examination will have all items on the failed exam "masked." This means a masked item will not appear on any future exams taken by that candidate.

Studying examination items to prepare is not helpful. Candidates who memorize items in hopes of 'getting them right' the next time are wasting their time. Once a candidate sees an item, the item is masked and the candidate will never see the same item again.

A CAT examination is very precise in determining a candidate's level of competency. Candidates who fail the exam and do not study for their next attempt will most likely be measured at the same level as when they took the exam the first time. Failing candidates who do not change their ability level (be able to jump higher) will again be measured the same. The best way to improve ability is to practice—in this case, study.

Who should teachers contact with questions about instruction?
Teachers should contact their local CTE director or CEPD CTE administrator with questions about instruction. The OCTE Assessment website also has information about instruction at http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-6530_2629_53970---,00.html, or you may also direct questions to the state program consultant for their program area. The state program consultant for Health Science is Nikki Rogers. She can be reached at 517-373-8904 or rogersn@michigan.gov.

Who should assessment coordinators contact with questions about these certifications?
Valerie Felder 517-335-1066 or felderv@michigan.gov

Who should assessment coordinators contact with State of Michigan Technical Skills Assessment policy questions?
Valerie Felder 517-335-1066 or felderv@michigan.gov