

Who is responsible for certifying EMT's?

In the State of California, certification is the responsibility of the local emergency medical services agency and is valid statewide.

What are the initial certification requirements in Santa Clara County?

- Successful completion of an approved EMT program.
- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Pass the National Registry EMT-B written examination (a score of at least 70% is required to pass).
- Completion of a criminal background checks through the Department of Justice (Live Scan).

What will I need to submit to the EMS Agency when I apply for EMT certification?

- Pay \$50.00 non-refundable certification fee
- Complete the EMS Personnel application.
- EMT Course Completion Certificate (copy).
- Current CPR card, which meets AHA standards (copy).
- Present current photo identification (state ID, driver's license or passport).
- Proof of passing the National Registry EMT-Basic exam

What if I do not pass the written exam?

National Registry allows you to take the exam 3 times total. After the third time additional CE is required. Please refer to there website for additional information: www.nremt.org

Where do I complete my background check (Live Scan)?

The Agency has the required forms and location of sites in Santa Clara County. Certification requests cannot be processed until the Agency has received your record from the Department of Justice.

How often do I have to recertify?

Every two years.

What is the application process for recertification?

- Successful completion of an approved 24 hour EMT refresher course
or:
Completion of 24 hours of continuing education from an approved CE provider.
- Verification of skills competencies
- No lapse in EMT-I certification
- Pay \$50.00 non-refundable application fee
- Complete the EMS Personnel application.
- Current CPR card, which meets AHA standards (copy).
- Present current photo identification (state ID, driver's license or passport).
- Completion of a criminal background check through the Department of Justice (Live Scan) if not done previously for our Agency.

If my certification has lapsed, how long do I have to recertify?

Two years, but you may not practice after your expiration date.

How do I recertify if my certification has lapsed?

- 0 to 6 months since lapse:
 - 24 hours of training
 - Application process including skills verification form
- 6 to 12 months since lapse:
 - 36 hours of training (12 additional hours of training)
 - Application process including skills verification form.
- 12 to 24 months since lapse:
 - 48 hours of training (24 additional hours of training).
 - Passing score on written and skills certifying exam.
 - Application process
- Greater than 24 months or more since lapse:
 - Complete entire EMT-I Basic course

Do I need to make an appointment to come in and apply for certification/recertiication?

Certification/Recertification materials may be mailed or dropped off during regular business hours. Pictures are taken on Thursdays only, from 0900-1500 hours. No appointment is necessary.

All cards will be mailed to the applicant within 10 business days.

National Registry Exam Schedule

2005 Exam Schedule

January 14	1-4	PM
February 18	1-4	PM
March 25	1-4	PM
April 22	1-4	PM
May 20	1-4	PM
June 17	1-4	PM
July 15	1-4	PM
August 12	1-4	PM
September 23	1-4	PM
October 21	1-4	PM
November 18	1-4	PM
December	No Exam	

2006 Exam Schedule

January 20	1-4	PM
February 17	1-4	PM
March 17	1-4	PM
April 21	1-4	PM
May 19	1-4	PM
June 16	1-4	PM
July 21	1-4	PM
August 18	1-4	PM
September 15	1-4	PM
October 20	1-4	PM
November 17	1-4	PM
December	No Exam	

Reservations are required

Please refer to the National Registry Exam Brochure for more details or call our main office number at (408) 885-4250.

Why do I need an EMT ID Badge if I'm already certified in a different county?

Identification badges are issued after a criminal background check has been conducted. The background checks are used to ensure and verify that certified prehospital personnel are not precluded from practice as an EMT and have not been convicted of any crime, which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of an EMT per the Santa Clara County Ambulance Permit Regulations, Section 19K

What are the requirements for obtaining an EMT ID Badge?

- Affiliation with a Santa Clara County EMS provider
- Current EMT Certification from another County EMS agency within the State of CA
- Completion of a criminal background checks through the Department of Justice (Live Scan) if not done previously for our agency.
- Completion of EMS Personnel Application
- Payment of fee.

Do I need to make an appointment to apply for an EMT ID Badge?

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Emergency Medical Technician Certification/Recertification

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