



Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Care Manual **Policy 202**

EMT COURSE COMPLETION BY CHALLENGE

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Resources

[EMS Personnel Application](#)

I. Purpose

To establish standardized criteria for the certification of EMT personnel by challenge that is consistent with the applicable state statutes and the EMS programs of other counties in this State.

II. Eligibility Requirements

- A. The candidate must meet one of the following requirements in order to be eligible to certify by course completion challenge examination.
 - 1. Currently licensed physician, registered nurse, vocational nurse, physician's assistant, or paramedic
 - 2. Successfully completed an emergency medical service training program of the Armed Forces including the Coast Guard of the United States within the preceding two (2) years, which meets the Department of Transportation EMT Course guidelines.
- B. Meet the eligibility requirements identified in Prehospital Care Manual, Policy 200 (Eligibility for Prehospital Certificates and Credentials)

III. Examination Process

Applicants must pass, by pre-established standards developed and/or approved by the Santa Clara County EMS Agency.

IV. Failure to Qualify

An eligible person shall be permitted to take the EMT challenge examination one (1) time only. Failure to qualify will require an individual to complete an approved EMT course.

V. Documentation Required

- A. Completed EMS Personnel Application
- B. Proof of completion of one of the eligibility requirements listed in Section II (A)(1) or (A)(2) and (B).
- C. Complete any additional training that is required meeting the Agency requirements for EMT.
- D. Successfully complete the National Registry EMT-Basic Examination.
- E. Current CPR card, which meets American Heart Association Guidelines at the Healthcare Provider level.
- F. Pay the established fee.
- G. Present two (2) current government issued photo IDs (state driver's license, state ID card, or passport).
- H. Completed background check (DOJ Live Scan)

VI. Certification

The Agency shall issue a wallet size certificate, valid statewide for two (2) years from the date of issue, to the eligible individuals who successfully complete the application requirements.