



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA SYSTEM
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TO: First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician Reciprocity Candidates
FROM: Licensing and Certification Section
SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You may be eligible for reciprocity in Washington State as a *First Responder (FR)* or *Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)* if the following criteria are met:

1. You are at least 18 years of age.

- a. Submit a photocopy of your current driver's license with photo. The printed information must be readable, and the photo must be identifiable.
- b. If there is no photo on your driver's license, include another form of official photo identification (state, federal, military, passport, etc.).

2. You are a high school graduate or have earned a G.E.D. certificate.

NOTE: This requirement is for EMT certification or higher levels only.

3. You have completed a course equivalent to the Department of Transportation (DOT) First Responder (FR) or Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) course.

- a. The course taken must be equal to Washington State standards.
- b. You must also declare that you are knowledgeable in the attached *Washington State Specific Objectives (WSSO)*. Complete, sign, and return the *WSSO Affirmation Statement*.

4. You have completed the OEMSTS course “*Infectious Disease Prevention For EMS Providers*” (Revised October 1997) or a Department of Health approved 7-hour HIV/Aids course.

This Department of Health *OEMSTS* course curriculum is available through your County or Regional EMS and Trauma office, or through most Washington State approved Senior EMS Instructors. The Verification of Training for HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis B Education & Training form must be completed, signed by the instructor, and returned to the OEMSTS.

5. You are currently certified in another state or with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

Please provide a legible photocopy of your certification card.

NOTE: If you have previously been certified in Washington State at the same level you are requesting, please contact the *OEMSTS* for more information.

6. If your initial training is determined to be equivalent to Washington State training, arrange to take the appropriate Washington State written examination.

NOTE: You will be permitted a total of three attempts to pass the written examination within a six-month period.

7. You are associated with a Washington State pre-hospital emergency medical agency licensed by the OEMSTS.

Have your EMS Agency Supervisor sign your *Out-of-State Application* under Part '5' verifying your association.

8. You are recommended for certification by your county Medical Program Director (MPD) in Washington State.

- a. The MPD may approve your skills, knowledge, and ability through written or verbal protocol examinations, visual observation of skills, etc.
- b. Have the MPD sign your *Out-of-State Application* under Part '6' recommending you for certification, pending the successful completion of all required examinations.

9. Complete and sign an *Out-of-State Application* (attached).

NOTE: Part '2' (Pages 2 and 3) of the application should be signed and returned directly to the OEMSTS in a separate envelope to ensure confidentiality.

10. Read and complete the Confirmation Form (attached).

Please read the form and complete the top portion, and then send to all state(s) for all current EMS certifications or licenses held.

Please submit all required information to the OEMSTS for review and processing. An incomplete or incorrectly completed application cannot be processed and will be returned to you. Only original applications with original signatures from the applicant, agency supervisor, and MPD will be accepted for processing.

If you successfully complete the Washington State written examination and meet all the above requirements, your reciprocal certification may be approved. Once issued, certification will be for a minimum of 36 months.

If it has been over 30 days since submitting all required information to the OEMSTS Licensing and Certification Section, please contact us at 1-800-458-5281 Extension #1 or (360) 236-2845, to determine the status of your reciprocity request.

Attachments