

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency
EMS System Policies and Procedures

Policy: Emergency Medical Technician Certification/Accreditation #231.00

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.210 and; 1797.220. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2 et seq.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" means the Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Emergency Medical Technician" "EMT-Basic" or "EMT" means a person who has successfully completed a basic EMT course which meets the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2, has passed all required tests, and who has been certified by the Agency Medical Director as an EMT.
- C. "Local accreditation" or "accreditation" or "accredited to practice" means authorization by the LEMSA to practice the optional skill(s) approved by the LEMSA. Such authorization assures that the EMT has been oriented to the LEMSA and trained in the optional skill(s) necessary to achieve the treatment standard of the jurisdiction.
- D. "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "AEMT" means a person who has successfully completed an AEMT training course which meets the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, has passed all required tests, and who has been certified as an AEMT.
- E. "Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic" or "EMT-P" or "Paramedic" or "Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic" means a person who is educated and trained in all elements of pre-hospital advanced life support, who has passed all required tests, and who has been licensed by the State of California as an EMT-P.
- F. "Optional Scope of Practice Provider Agency" or "OSA" means any agency that has entered into an agreement with the Agency to provide EMT optional scope of practice medications and/or procedures.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for issuing EMT certification in the Tuolumne County EMS System in accordance with the requirements of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 2.

- B. An individual currently licensed in the State of California as a Paramedic or currently certified in California as an EMT-II is deemed to be certified as an EMT, except when the license or certification is under suspension.
- C. Maintaining EMT Certification:
 - 1. In order to maintain certification, an EMT shall:
 - a. Possess a current EMT certification issued in California.
 - b. Obtain at least twenty-four hours of continuing education from an approved EMS continuing education provider or successfully complete a twenty-four hour EMT refresher course from an approved EMT training program. At least 12 hours of the continuing education must be instructor based.
 - c. Complete an application and an affidavit stating that the applicant is not precluded from certification as an EMT for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
 - d. Complete a live scan criminal background check by the State of California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This requirement does not apply for applicants with a current and valid EMT certification issued by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
 - e. Pay the certification fee established by the Board of Supervisors.
 - f. Submit a copy of a current State of California Driver's License or Identification Card or Military Identification Card.
 - g. Submit a completed skills competency verification form, EMSA-SCV (01/17)07/03).
- D. Skills competency shall be verified by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact. Skills competency shall be verified by an individual who is currently certified or licensed as an EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, or Physician who shall be designated by an EMS approved training program or continuing education provider or an EMS service provider. The skills requiring verification of competency are:
 - 1. Patient examination, trauma patient.
 - 2. Patient examination, medical patient.
 - 3. Airway emergencies.
 - 4. Breathing emergencies.
 - 5. Automated external defibrillation.
 - 6. Circulation emergencies.
 - 7. Neurological emergencies.
 - 8. Soft tissue injuries.
 - 9. Musculoskeletal injuries.
 - 10. Obstetrical emergencies.

1. In order to be eligible for EMT accreditation by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency, an individual shall:
 - a. Possess a valid California EMT Certification;
 - b. Successfully complete all optional EMT scope of practice training modules;
 - c. Pass, by pre-established standards the written examination and skills examination approved by the Agency Medical Director;
 - d. Complete an application
 - e. Pay the accreditation fee established by the Board of Supervisors;

- H. Maintaining EMT Accreditation:
 1. In order to maintain accreditation, an EMT shall:
 - a. Possess a current EMT certification issued in California.
 - b. Obtain at least two hours of continuing education for each optional EMT scope of practice item allowed by the Agency from an approved EMS continuing education provider. These continuing education hours may also be used for EMT re-certification.
 - c. Pay the accreditation fee established by the Board of Supervisors.