

# Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD)

## Maryland Licensure — Quick Reference

### Getting Licensed

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- National Certification: Maintain active certification with a nationally-recognized EMD organization (e.g., NAED/ProQA, APCO, NAEMD). Submit evidence to MIEMSS.
- Be affiliated with an MD EMS Board-approved EMD operational program.

### How Long It's Valid

- Licensed Jan 1 – Jun 30 → expires June 30, two years out.
- Licensed Jul 1 – Dec 31 → expires December 31, two years out.

*Your license is valid for 2 to 2½ years depending on when you licensed.*

### Renewing

#### Required for all EMDs:

- Maintain affiliation with an EMD operational program.

#### And...

- National Certification: Maintain active certification with a nationally-recognized EMD organization (e.g., NAED/ProQA, APCO, NAEMD). Submit evidence to MIEMSS.

*Submit renewal at least 2 weeks before expiration. Extensions of up to 6 months available upon written request before expiration.*

### Reciprocity (Out-of- State)

There is no formal EMD reciprocity pathway in COMAR. Out-of-state EMD-certified clinicians should contact MIEMSS OCS directly for guidance.

### Reinstatement (Lapsed License)

- You have 2 years from your expiration date to reinstate.
- If you hold current active registration with a nationally-recognized EMD program, you can reinstate at any time — no 2-year limit.
- Complete all current renewal requirements.
- Be affiliated with an EMD operational program.

#### New expiration date after reinstatement:

- If your original expiration date hasn't passed — you keep that date.
- If it has passed — you receive a new license dated as an initial licensure.