

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Maryland Certification — Quick Reference

Getting Certified

- Complete a MIEMSS-approved EMR course.
- Pass the NREMT practical and cognitive (written) exams.
- Submit your NREMT active status registration to MIEMSS.
- Must be at least 16 years old (ages 16–17 need written parental consent).

Training is available through community colleges, MFRI, and select public high schools.

How Long It's Valid

- Certified Feb 1 – Jul 31 → expires July 31, three years out.
- Certified Aug 1 – Jan 31 → expires January 31, three years out.

Your certificate is valid for 3 to 3½ years depending on when you certified.

Renewing

Choose one of the following before your expiration date:

- Option 1 — NREMT: Maintain current active NREMT registration (EMR or higher). Submit to MIEMSS. Done.
- Option 2 — Non-Registry: Complete all three of the following:
 - 8 hours of CE across these designated categories:
 - Airway, Ventilation & Respiratory — 1 hr
 - Cardiovascular — 1 hr
 - Medical — 1 hr
 - Trauma & Burns — 1 hr
 - OB/GYN — 1 hr
 - Pediatrics — 1 hr
 - Toxicology/Environmental — 1 hr
 - Technical Proficiency Verification (MIEMSS-approved) — 1 hr
 - The three most recent Annual EMS Protocol Updates

Reciprocity (Out-of- State)

- Submit a completed application to MIEMSS.
- Provide proof of current out-of-state EMR certification OR active NREMT registration.
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- No EMS operational program affiliation required.

Reciprocal certificate expiration:

- Issued Feb 1 – Jul 31 → expires July 31 of the following year.
- Issued Aug 1 – Jan 31 → expires January 31 of the following year.

Reinstatement (Lapsed Cert)

- You can reinstate within 3 years of your expiration date.
- If you hold current active NREMT registration (EMR or higher), you can reinstate at any time — no 3-year limit.
- Complete all current renewal requirements to reinstate.

New expiration date after reinstatement:

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

AED Use

- EMRs functioning with an AED must maintain affiliation with an EMS Operational Program.