



EMT-Basic

Requirements for Initial Certification:

Applicants must:

- ✓ Successfully complete an EMT-Basic (EMT-B) course approved by the EMS Board (approximately 131 hours).
- ✓ Successfully complete an internship approved by MIEMSS before taking the written and practical certification examinations.
- ✓ Score at least a 70 percent on the EMT-B written certification examination approved and administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ Successfully complete the EMT-B practical certification examination administered by MIEMSS.
- ✓ Be currently affiliated with a BLS EMS Operation Program.

EMT-B training is offered by local community colleges throughout Maryland, the [Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute](#) (MFRI), various law enforcement agencies, and is also available in some Maryland public high schools.

Once obtained, a Maryland EMT-B certification is valid for a period of three years, provided that the provider maintains a valid EMS affiliation. Within this three year certification period, an EMT-B must complete all renewal requirements as outlined below to renew for a subsequent three year period. Those possessing EMT-B training who do not have a valid affiliation may continue to renew their EMT-B, but are prohibited from practicing in Maryland.

Renewal Requirements:

EMT-Basics wishing to renew their certification MUST document and submit the following on a MIEMSS approved form before their expiration date:

- ✓ Current affiliation with a BLS EMS Operation Program.
- ✓ *Successful completion of an EMT-B Skills course (S), which has been approved by MIEMSS. (12 hours)
- ✓ *Completion of a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education credits broken down in the following manner:
 - 4 hours of Medical (M)
 - 4 hours of Trauma (T)
 - 4 hours of Local Option (L)

* – A MIEMSS approved 24-hour EMT-B Refresher course (C) is the most popular means of obtaining both the skills and continuing education required for renewal.