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## **EMT Reinstatement**

Dear Provisional EMS Clinician,

Thank you for becoming a provisionally certified EMS clinician in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March, we have added more than 900 provisional EMS clinicians to Maryland's EMS workforce. On behalf of all Marylanders, we are grateful for the commitment and dedication of the skilled and compassionate people who have felt compelled to make their contributions.

We hope that you and all provisional EMS clinicians will desire to remain a part of Maryland's EMS system. To that end, I want you to know about the potential for transitioning from provisional status to full certification in Maryland. The requirements vary, depending on certification level and the specific criteria by which an EMS clinician qualified for provisional status. The opportunity is now available.

Since you obtained a provisional EMT certification via reinstatement, the requirements to transition to full certification status are:

- If you have an expired EMT certification and previously passed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) cognitive exam, within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
  - Submit documentation that you have successfully completed 24 hours of EMS continuing education within the past 12 months; and
  - Submit documentation that during the COVID-19 emergency, you affiliated with an EMS Operational Program **and** provided EMS during the emergency.
  
- If you have an expired EMT certification that was lapsed for one year or less (i.e., from the date your certification originally expired to the date of your provisional certification) and you have never passed the NREMT cognitive exam, within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
  - Submit documentation that during the COVID-19 emergency, you affiliated with an EMS Operational Program **and** provided EMS during the emergency; and
  - Submit documentation that you have successfully completed 24 hours of EMS continuing education within the past 12 months.
  
- If you have an expired EMT certification that was lapsed for more than one year but less than three years (i.e., from the date your certification originally expired to the date of your provisional certification) and you have never passed the NREMT cognitive exam, within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
  - Submit documentation that during the COVID-19 emergency, you affiliated with an EMS Operational Program **and** provided EMS during the emergency;
  - Submit documentation that you have successfully completed 24 hours of EMS continuing education within the past 12 months; and
  - Successfully complete the cognitive reinstatement examination approved by MIEMSS.

- If you have an expired EMT certification that was lapsed for more than three years (i.e., from the date your certification originally expired to the date of your provisional certification) and you have never passed the NREMT cognitive exam, within 180 days of the termination of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency:
  - Submit an application to MIEMSS for full certification;
  - Submit documentation that during the COVID-19 emergency, you affiliated with an EMS Operational Program **and** provided EMS during the emergency;
  - Submit documentation that you have successfully completed 24 hours of EMS continuing education within the past 12 months; and
  - Successfully complete the cognitive and psychomotor reinstatement examinations approved by MIEMSS.

Further information about obtaining full certification in Maryland may be found at [www.miemss.org](http://www.miemss.org) or by emailing [licensure-support@miemss.org](mailto:licensure-support@miemss.org)

If you do not pursue full certification, your provisional status will expire 180 days after termination of the Governor's declaration of a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency.

Maryland's EMS system is fortunate to count you among its dedicated clinicians who answer more than one million calls for help each year. I hope you will want to remain engaged and begin the process toward full certification.

Thank you.



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