

## New NREMT Level

With the nationwide implementation of the new **EMS Education Standards**, the National Registry is phasing out the EMT-Basic level and replacing it with an upgraded version called simply Emergency Medical Technician.

In order to upgrade to this new level, Providers must either:

Use an approved Refresher Training Program (RTP) taught to the new **EMS Education Standards** containing the **NREMT Transition Course** content

OR

Recertify by taking the NREMT Exam-in-Lieu

## New EMS Education Standards

Until recently, EMS Providers have been educated using the DOT National Standard Curriculum (NSC) which has not been updated since the 1990's. In the early 2000's, work was begun to completely revise the curricula that EMS Providers train to. This work produced the National EMS Education Standards. These new Education Standards raise the bar for the education of EMS Providers by educating them to have a deeper knowledge of a wider variety of subjects. All Nationally Registered EMS Providers will be educated to these new EMS Education Standards moving forward. Those Providers educated to the old NSC will need to take a refresher course that contains the new material, termed **Transition Course** content or demonstrate competency by passing the NREMT cognitive exam.

## **\*\*"BUYER BEWARE"\*\***

Recertification by continuing education alone brings with it a significant level of record-keeping and careful selection of courses on the part of the Provider using this method to recertify. If you are going to use ConEd for the refresher component make sure you get it from a reputable and responsible source. And be sure to maintain meticulous records of courses used.

**NH EMS Providers who recertify with the National Registry by all continuing education will have their education records subject to audit by the Bureau of EMS.** At a minimum the EMS provider who is audited will need to produce a written certification for each hour listed in the refresher. We may further require that the provider submit the full documentation of individual courses as noted below. If that happens, the provider will need to contact the individual who conducted that program for that information.

The Bureau of EMS needs to make sure that our providers receive quality education, so any ConEd that is intended to be used for the refresher training component of recertification will have to meet certain requirements. The individual who is conducting a continuing education program intended for use for the refresher training component must maintain the following documentation:

- A list of educational objectives for the program,
- Credentials of the Instructor demonstrating the appropriate expertise to teach the subject,
- The number of hours of the program,
- The date, time and location of the program,
- A course roster with participants' names and signatures.

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# Recertification for the EMT-Basic



**Commonly asked questions and answers about the different methods for recertifying and upgrading to the new NREMT level**

**(Please refer to the Division's website for additional information, tools, and screencasts)**

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## Transition Method

72 hours total

Recertify with the NREMT and upgrade to the new Emergency Medical Technician level.

### 24 Hour NEW Standards RTP

Take a formal, state- or CECBEMS-approved 24 hour Refresher Training Program (RTP) taught to the “NEW EMS Education Standards”.

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### 48 hours of Continuing Education

Take 48 hours of continuing education.

Most NH-approved RTPs are being taught to the new EMS Education Standards and are being advertised as “EMT-Basic to Emergency Medical Technician RTP (EMT-B to EMT RTP Conversion)”

**BE SURE TO CHECK WITH YOUR RTP INSTRUCTOR TO DETERMINE WHAT STANDARDS YOUR COURSE IS BEING TAUGHT TO.**

## Traditional Method

72 hours total

Recertify with the NREMT at the “old” EMT-Basic level.

### 24 Hour OLD Standards RTP

Take a formal, state- or CECBEMS-approved 24 hour Refresher Training Program (RTP) taught to the “OLD National Standard Curriculum Standards”.

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### 48 hours of Continuing Education

Take 48 hours of continuing education.

This method does NOT allow the EMT-Basic to transition to the new EMT level. **The EMT-Basic will need to take a “New Education Standards” course with NREMT Transition/Conversion content by March 31, 2015 (odd-year expirations) OR by March 31, 2016 (even-year expirations) or the NREMT will drop the registrant down to the next-lowest registration level (Emergency Medical Responder).**

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## Exam-in-Lieu

0 hours total

Take the NREMT  
Computer Based Test (CBT)

Log onto www.NREMT.org and complete an application for recertification by examination.

Pay \$70 exam fee to NREMT

One attempt to pass otherwise Providers must refresh by one of the other methods listed.

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Recertify with the NREMT and upgrade to the new Emergency Medical Technician level.

### Transition Course

The term “Transition Course” now refers to the educational components required to “transition” or “convert” to the new NREMT Levels.

The old New Hampshire term “Transition Course” or “Transition Modules” has been changed to “NH Scope of Practice Modules” to describe the educational modules required to use the NH Statewide Patient Care Protocols.

### Out-of-State Refreshers

While out-of-state refreshers are now an acceptable method to recertify, Providers need to make sure that the refresher will be accepted by the NREMT and that they adhere to the new EMS Education Standards for Transition Course content if the Provider intends to transition to the new NREMT levels.

## Con-Ed Only Method

72 hours total

Recertify with the NREMT at the “old” EMT-Basic level.

### 24 hours of SPECIFIC Con-Ed

Take 24 hours of specific continuing education  
FOLLOW NREMT GUIDELINES

Preparatory:	1 hour
Airway:	2 hours
OB, Infants, Children:	2 hours
Patient Assessment:	3 hours
Medical/Behavioral:	4 hours
Trauma:	4 hours
Elective:	8 hours

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### 48 hours of Continuing Education

Take 48 additional hours of con-ed.

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