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NREMT approves provisional certifications during national emergency

As psychomotor testing sites close, the NREMT executive committee voted to allow for provisional certifications during the national emergency

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — In an effort to address the shortage of EMS personnel available during the [COVID-19 national emergency](#), the NREMT executive committee voted to allow provisional certifications.

In a statement released by NREMT, provisional certifications will be automatically assigned to any candidate who completes an EMR-, EMT-, AEMT- or Paramedic-level course and the NREMT's cognitive exam.

During the COVID-19 national emergency declaration, the psychomotor exam requirement is suspended, to ensure compliance with CDC recommendations for social distancing.

“This is a vital step in ensuring that we are able to continue to get qualified and competent EMS personnel into our communities during this national emergency,” Bill Seifarth, executive director of the National Registry, said. “This decision, along with this pandemic, is evolving and requires swift, bold measures to ensure the continued safety and health of the public.”



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We hear your questions and are working to provide answers! Here is additional information about Provisional Certification. We will have more information as it becomes available.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION FAQ

- **Where can we take the cognitive exam if Pearson VUE professional centers are closed?** Pearson VUE professional centers are closed, however some third-party testing centers remain open. We continue to work on expanding the test network.
- **What happens to the Provisional Certification? / When does it expire?** Once the national emergency is over, Provisionally Certified EMS providers will be given specific instructions on the next steps and ample time to complete the requirements.
- **Can I get a Provisional Certification if I have not yet taken the cognitive examination?** No. You would still need to complete the cognitive examination to be granted a Provisional Certification.
- **Does this supersede state EMS rules and guidelines?** No. You must still follow your state's rules and guidelines for licensure. Many states have already adopted emergency rules that will recognize a provisional certification.



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National Registry Board Approves Provisional Certification



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Responding to the nationwide need for Emergency Medical Services personnel and the social-distancing public health guidance, the Executive Committee of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians gave emergency approval to add a Provisional Certification. The Provisional Certification will be automatically assigned to any candidate that (1) completes an educational program at the EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic level and (2) successfully passes the National Registry's cognitive examination. The requirement for completing the psychomotor examination is suspended for the duration of the national emergency or until psychomotor examinations can be safely reinstated in the United States.

Follow the link for more information: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19...>

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