

Recertification Procedures – Overview of March 1, 2011 Rule Changes

Did you previously hold a National Registry certification? Are you currently certified in Vermont? Because of recent law and rule changes, all Vermont EMS providers are required to regain their NREMT status if they have previously let it lapse and can do so without testing.

Vermont EMS and the National Registry have created a window of opportunity from now until **12/31/2011**. During this window of opportunity, Vermont EMS is paying for the re-entry fee for all providers (\$15-20 each). If you do not take advantage of this opportunity, you will need to complete the standard NREMT re-entry procedure which includes testing.

It is likely that you are in one of three categories of Vermont certification:

- You currently hold NREMT certification
- You have never held NREMT certification
- You previously held NREMT certification and let it lapse

If you currently hold NREMT certification:

Continue to maintain your NREMT certification, recertifying as necessary. Before your Vermont EMS certification expires, complete a recertification application and enclose a copy of your NREMT card. You will be issued a Vermont EMS certification which expires three months after your NREMT card. From then on, to recertify your Vermont EMS certification, you must maintain your NREMT certification by completing the NREMT requirements.

If you have never held NREMT certification:

You will continue to recertify through the Vermont EMS office and are **not** required to gain NREMT certification. After 3/1/13, you will be required to complete the same continuing education requirements as those EMTs who have NREMT certification, but without gaining NREMT. You will continue to submit your continuing education to Vermont EMS as part of your recertification application.

If you held NREMT certification at one time and let it lapse (for Vermont First Responder, EMT-Basic, and Paramedic):

Between now and **12/31/11**, you are required to regain your NREMT certification. To do this, follow the detailed steps in the accompanying letter from NREMT. You will not be required to test or pay the normal fee to regain NREMT certification (normally \$15-20 depending on certification level). After you complete the process with NREMT, they will issue you a card which expires in 2014. Once you regain your NREMT certification, you must submit a copy of your NREMT card along with your recertification application to Vermont EMS before your Vermont EMS certification expires. We will issue a new Vermont certification that expires three months after your NREMT certification. From then on, to recertify your Vermont EMS certification, you must continue to maintain your NREMT certification by completing the NREMT requirements, then submitting a recertification application and a copy of your renewed NREMT card to Vermont EMS.

If you held NREMT certification at one time and let it lapse at the Basic level and are currently a Vermont Intermediate-(I-90 or I-03):

Between now and the end of 2011, you are required to regain your NREMT-Basic certification, following the steps in the section above. Once you receive your renewed NREMT-Basic

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certification, complete the recertification application pertinent to your Vermont EMS certification level that is available on our website. Include a copy of your NREMT-Basic card, as well as continuing education credits at the Intermediate level.

For your Vermont EMT-I-90 or I-03 certification, you will need to complete an Advanced EMT (AEMT) transition course when it becomes available. After completing this transition, you have two options:

Option 1: You can continue to recertify through Vermont EMS by maintaining your NREMT Basic and completing the Vermont AEMT continuing education requirements (which will be the same as NREMT AEMT requirements).

OR

Option 2: After completion of the transition course, you may take the NREMT AEMT written and practical examinations. If you complete the AEMT NREMT process, you will simply continue to recertify your NREMT by completing the NREMT requirements and submitting a recertification application to Vermont EMS. If you do not complete the NREMT AEMT test, you may continue to practice and recertify as in Option 1 above.



Reinstatement of National EMS Certification for Vermont EMS Licensure

Instructions for the Vermont / NREMT— Mark King Initiative

Follow These Simple Steps to Apply:

- Create an account on the NREMT website.
Please note: If you have an NREMT account and your name or other personal information is different than Vermont records, please contact the NREMT for assistance (614-888-4484, option 2). The information MUST match to complete the verification process.
- Go to www.nremt.org, click on 'Create New Account' located near the upper left corner and follow the instructions. Request User role of: 'Nationally certified EMS professional'.
- Login with the User name and Password you created—follow the prompts to 'Manage your NREMT profile' by completing the requested information (name, address, etc.).
- When your profile is complete, click on 'CBT Candidates'
- Locate the 'Mark King Initiative' section in the center of the screen. Use the pull down arrow to select 'Vermont', select your application level, enter your current Vermont EMS certification number, click 'Submit'.
- Vermont EMS will process your request to confirm your eligibility. Please allow 30 days for processing. Contact Vermont EMS if you have questions or concerns.
- The NREMT will issue you a National EMS Certification card and provide you with recertification requirements upon verification by Vermont EMS.
- You will continue to recertify with Vermont EMS and maintain your National EMS certification as a requirement of your Vermont State EMS certification.

Deadline to Apply — December 31, 2011

All currently certified Vermont EMS providers have until December 31, 2011 to create an account and apply for reinstatement. Failure to do so will disqualify you for reinstatement and you will need to re-enter the National Registry following the current entry requirements (proof of state licensure, documentation of a refresher, verification of skills and successful completion of the current National EMS Certification examination).

Mr. Mark E. King (1953-2006) was the State EMS Director for West Virginia, a former NREMT Board member and an EMS provider for over 25 years. It was a vision of his to see States move to requiring EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a part of moving the EMS profession forward and promoting National EMS Standards. It is in recognition of his vision and contributions to the EMS Community that this initiative is named in his honor.

Participation in the Mark King Initiative is authorized by State EMS Agencies who require EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a condition of their continued state certification/licensure.