

EMT-I (In-County) Between 6-12 Months of expiration (date on EMT card)

EFFECTIVE July 1, 2017

In-County status refers to an EMT-I who lives in Kern County or is, at the time of re-certification, employed by a Kern County EMT-I provider.

As an EMT-I certifying authority, the Kern County EMS Division re-certifies individuals who possess a current EMT-I card issued by an EMS agency within California or the National Registry of EMTs. If the existing EMT-I card has a “retest date” printed, that date would now be disregarded. Existing EMT-I s applying for re-certification will not need to retest unless the EMT-I card has been expired more than 12 months (see Lapse in Certification section on our website). EMT-I re-certification may be done up to six months before expiration. Re-certification documentation may be mailed or brought in to our office.

Required Continuing Education (CE) hours and Skills Verification:

EMT-I Re-Certification (36 hours CE): In order to maintain EMT-I certification, an EMT-I shall possess a copy of expired EMT-I Certification issued in California and submit a certificate of completion for thirty-six (36) hours of CE from an approved continuing education provider or 24 hour refresher course from an approved EMT training program plus 12 hours of CE (within 24 months of application date).

Skills Competency Verification: Required every two years, skills competency shall be verified by direct observation of an actual or simulated patient contact. Skills competency shall be verified by an individual who is currently certified or licensed as an EMT-I, AEMT, Paramedic, RN, PA, or physician and who shall be designated by an EMS approved training program (EMT-I training program, paramedic training program or continuing education provider) or an EMS service provider; EMS service providers include, but are not limited to public safety agencies, private ambulance providers and other EMS providers. A [list of individuals authorized to sign](#) the skills competency verification form is on the Division’s website.

ALL ITEMS BELOW MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE CERTIFICATION CAN BE COMPLETED:

- Completed and signed application form <http://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/EMSAApplication-UpdateForm07192013.pdf>
- Copy of the applicant's government issued photo identification (may be current state driver's license or identification, federally issued passport, or similar photo identification)
- Copy of expired EMT-I Card
- Copy of the applicant's current CPR card.
- 36 Hours of CE hours from an approved CE provider ORIGINALS or 24 hour refresher course from an approved EMT training program plus 12 hours CE (within 24 months from application date)
- Skills Competency Verification Form (ORIGINAL) <http://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Skills-Form-7.1.17.pdf>
- DOJ and FBI Live Scan Background Check (**If not already completed**)
Live Scan Request Form: http://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/livescan_applic.pdf
Live Scan Instructions: http://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/livescan_inst.pdf
- Fee: \$74.00 (\$37.00 to State of California EMSA + \$37.00 to County of Kern) or If new to Kern County (State of California EMSA \$75 + Kern County \$37)
WE ACCEPT VISA and MASTERCARD - NO PERSONAL CHECKS.