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EMT (In-County) Lapse of 12 Months or More Expiration (date on EMT card)

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

As an EMT certifying authority, the Kern County EMS Division re-certifies individuals who possess a current EMT card issued by an EMS agency within California or the National Registry of EMTs. EMT 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 Re-Certification (48 hours CE): In order to maintain EMT certification, an EMT shall possess a copy of expired EMT Certification issued in California, complete forty-eight (48) hours of CE from an approved continuing education provider or 24 hour refresher course from an approved EMT training program plus 24 hours of CE (within 24 months of application date), and successfully pass the National Registry test within 2 years of the application date (unless possess current and valid EMT, AEMT or paramedic NREMT certificate OR current and valid AEMT certificate or paramedic license).

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, AEMT, Paramedic, RN, PA, or physician and who are designated by an EMS approved training program (EMT 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://www.co.kern.ca.us/ems/EMSApplication-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 Card
- ☐ Copy of applicant's current CPR

☐ **48 Hours of CE's Originals OR 24 hour EMT refresher course from an approved EMT training program plus 24 hours of CE (within 24 months of application date).**

☐ **MUST PASS NREMT exams within two years of the application date (unless possess current and valid EMT, AEMT or paramedic NREMT certificate OR current and valid AEMT certificate or paramedic license).**

☐ Skills Competency Verification Form (ORIGINAL) http://www.co.kern.ca.us/ems/emt1_skills_form.pdf

DOJ and FBI Live Scan Background Check (**If not already completed**) Live Scan Request Form: http://www.co.kern.ca.us/ems/livescan_applic.pdf Live Scan Instructions: https://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/Live-Scan-Fingerprinting-Process.pdf

☐ Fee: $112.00 ($75 to State of California EMSA + $37 to County of Kern)
WE ACCEPT VISA and MASTERCARD - NO PERSONAL CHECKS.