

EMT Re-Certification

EFFECTIVE December 21, 2018

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. Existing EMTs applying for re-certification will not need to retest unless the EMT card has been expired more than 12 months. 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:

Maintaining EMT Certification (24 hours CE): In order to maintain EMT certification, an EMT shall possess a current EMT Certification issued in California and submit a certificate of completion for a twenty-four (24) hour refresher course from an EMS approved training program or twenty-four (24) hours of CE from an approved continuing education provider.

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 RE-CERTIFICATION CAN BE COMPLETED:

- Completed and signed application form <https://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/App-Elig-VerifEmp-Form-Fillables.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 current EMT Card
- 24 Hours of CEs (ORIGINALS)
- Skills Competency Verification Form (ORIGINAL) <https://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Skills-Form-7.1.17.pdf>

Unless currently on file, DOJ and FBI Live Scan Background Check:

https://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/livescan_applic-EMT-3.pdf

Live Scan Instructions:

<https://kernpublichealth.com/wp-content/uploads/Live-Scan-Fingerprinting-Process.pdf>

Fee: Re-certification (State of California EMSA \$37 + Kern County \$100) or If new to Kern County (State of California EMSA \$75 + Kern County \$100)

WE ACCEPT CASH, MONEY ORDERS, CASHIER'S CHECKS, VISA and MASTERCARD - NO PERSONAL CHECKS. If paying with cashier's check or money order, please make payable to "Kern County EMS"