



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: All Emergency Medical Services - Instructors

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REF: Corrected Alternative Certification process for Emergency Medical Responders

Effective January 1, 2012, candidates who have successfully completed an OEMS approved course for initial certification as an Emergency Medical Technician that finished after October 1, 2011 may seek alternative certification as an Emergency Medical Responder if the candidate:

1. Successfully completes all aspects of the approved EMT course of study and appears on that course's Course Completion Form (T-4) and submits an Application for Certification as an EMT signed by the EMS-I
2. Attempts the National Certification Examination at least two (2) times without success
3. Successfully completes a curriculum module that instructs participants in the concepts of Scope of Practice, identifies the differences between the scopes of the Emergency Medical Responder and the Emergency Medical Technician, and leads to an appreciation of the need to observe the limits of the Emergency Medical Responder certification level
4. Appears on the Course Completion Form (T-4) that identifies the EMT Course Approval number with the EMR Alternative designation and files an Application for Certification as an EMR signed by the EMS-I of record within two years of the original course completion date
5. Successfully completes the cognitive and psychomotor examinations for Emergency Medical Responder certification
6. Successfully completes all aspects of the EMR Certification requirements as described by OEMS regulation and policy.

The candidate who successfully obtains EMR certification via the alternative route should be encouraged to continue efforts to obtain EMT certification observing all the procedures and policies that would have applied if he or she had not obtained EMR certification in the interim.

Please contact me with any questions.