

Policy Statement:

This policy allows registered nurses, physician assistants, hospital corpsmen/medics in the United States Armed Services and veterans who served in these roles to obtain a National Registry certification and a Vermont EMS license without first taking a full EMS course.

Authority:

V.S.A. 18, Chapter 17 §906 (10) (E)
EMS Rule Section 9.3, effective February 2022

Procedure:

A person covered by this policy must be affiliated with a Vermont-licensed EMS agency that is licensed at the person's desired license level. The person may apply for Vermont licensure at the **EMR, EMT and AEMT** levels upon completion of National Registry of EMTs testing by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Submission of an *RN/PA/Military Challenge* application in the LIGHTS system
- 2) Advanced placement evaluation by a National Registry of EMTs Program Director (VT-licensed EMS Instructor/Coordinator) selected by the Vermont State Training Administrator. Immediate availability of a NREMT Program Director is not guaranteed. The NREMT Program Director must verify that the applicant has received training on the gap material between the Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, hospital corpsman or medic curriculum and the learning objectives for the desired EMS license level, and that the applicant's skills at the desired level have been verified in accordance with Vermont Department of Health standards.
- 3) Verification by the person's primary agency's training officer, head of service, and District Medical Advisor that the person has the skills, knowledge, and affective competency to function at the desired license level.
- 4) Application for a National Registry certification on the NREMT website (www.nremt.org), identifying the Instructor/Coordinator as your NREMT Program Director
- 5) Course completion verification by the NREMT Program Director on your NREMT application
- 6) At the AEMT level, hold a national EMT certification or state EMT license
- 7) Successful completion of the NREMT cognitive examination

A person covered by this policy may apply for Vermont licensure at the **Paramedic** level without a full Paramedic course by meeting the requirements above, except that course completion verification must be done by the Program Director of a Paramedic program accredited by the *Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)*.

Due to changes under consideration at the NREMT for 68 Whiskey military medics, a pathway for military medics may not exist at this time. Once the NREMT procedures have been finalized,

further action by the Vermont Legislature may be required to continue advanced placement for military medics.

The application and testing process is as follows:

- 1) Department approval of an RN/PA/*Military Challenge* application in the LIGHTS system
- 2) Creation of an online National Registry of EMTs account at www.nremt.org and an application for the desired national certification level
 - a. Request that the Department pay the cognitive exam fee by submitting a “NREMT Cognitive Exam Fee Payment Request” application. NOTE: A person must be affiliated with a Vermont-licensed EMS agency to qualify for exam fee payment
 - b. Select as your instructor the NREMT Program Director who verified your gap training
- 3) The NREMT Program Director verifies course completion through their online NREMT account.
- 4) Upon successful completion of the NREMT exams and receiving a NREMT certification, apply for a Vermont EMS license via the Vermont LIGHTS portal.

Rationale:

This policy recognizes that registered nurses, physician assistants, hospital corpsmen and military medics possess clinical training that approximates and, in some cases, exceeds that of licensed emergency medical clinicians. After an EMS instructor/coordinator has identified and addressed any gaps between the prior education and applicable EMS curriculum, the applicant’s primary EMS agency has attested that the applicant has the requisite skills, knowledge, and affective competency, and the applicant passes the National Registry cognitive exam, they should be allowed to obtain a National certification and a Vermont license.

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