



Course Fact Sheet
State Practical Skills Exam: BLS

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Individuals applying for an EMT-Basic registration must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the National Registration as an EMT-Basic:

1. Applicant must be 18 years of age or older
2. Successfully complete, within the last two (2) years, a state-approved National Standard EMT-Basic education program, as developed and promulgated by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Candidates who fail to become registered within two (2) years following EMT-Basic course completion must retake the entire EMT-Basic educational program.

If the candidate's initial training is beyond two (2) years and state certification has not been maintained, the candidate must complete the entire EMT-Basic education program.

3. Successfully complete, within the past twelve months, all sections of a state-approved EMT-Basic practical examination that equals or exceeds the established criteria of the National Registry.
4. Possess a current CPR credential at the healthcare provider or equivalent level

The following policies shall apply to **RENEWAL** of a certificate using a refresher course:

Renewal of a certificate using a refresher course shall require the successful completion of a Practical Skills Examination for EMT-Basic.

Course Description:

Examining the practical skills of an EMT is a key part of the certification process. Applicants for EMT certification must successfully complete a practical skills examination as part of the certification examination process. The exam uses the National Registry of EMT practical exam criteria.

Content of EMT Practical Skills Examination:

Successfully complete:

- Patient Assessment/Management – Trauma
- Patient Assessment/Management – Medical
- Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
- Spinal Immobilization (Seated Patient)
- Spinal Immobilization (Supine Patient)
- Bag-Valve-Mask Apneic Patient with a Pulse
- Long Bone Fracture Immobilization
- Joint Dislocation Immobilization
- Traction Splinting
- Bleeding Control/Shock Management
- Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction
- Mouth-to-Mask with Supplemental Oxygen
- Supplemental Oxygen Administration

Pass/fail Criteria:

1. All examination attempts for initial State certification must be completed within twenty-four (24) months of successful course completion.
2. Practical Skills Examination candidates shall be allowed two (2) attempts to pass the exam.
3. Each of the two exam attempts may include (not to exceed) the following retest descriptions:
 - A. If an exam candidate fails 1, 2, or 3 of the 6 stations they may retest each failed station.
 - B. If the candidate fails any of the retest stations they may retest those stations a second time. Second retests of failed stations must be completed through a different testing site (training program).
 - C. Failures of any second retest of a station shall constitute failure of one complete Practical Skills Exam attempt. Failure of any second retest of a station during a second Practical Skills Exam attempt shall result in ineligibility for State certification until such time as the candidate successfully completes another training course.
4. An examination candidate must pass each of the six (6) required stations.
5. Failure of four or more stations shall constitute failure of the entire exam attempt.
6. Failure of four or more stations or failure of any second station retest, during a second exam attempt shall result in ineligibility for State Certification until such time as the candidate successfully completes another initial training course.
7. If an exam candidate fails the first three stations of any exam attempt and does not complete the remaining exam stations during an exam attempt, the

- stations not completed shall be graded as failing. This shall constitute the failure of an entire exam attempt.
8. Upon failure of the first exam attempt, the candidate shall be provided with a form indicating failure of a first exam attempt. This form shall be required for admission to a second exam attempt at the same or different testing site. The exam site providing the first exam attempt shall coordinate the candidate's admission to a second attempt if not provided by the first attempt exam site.

Example: During the first exam attempt a candidate fails 3 of the 6 stations. They retest each of the failed stations and fail one for the second time. They attend an exam presented by a different EMS training program (enrollment is coordinated by the first exam site) and fail the single failed station a third time. They now have failed the first exam attempt and must enroll in and complete a second exam attempt.

During the second exam attempt they fail 2 of the 6 stations. They retest both failed stations again and fail one of these for a second time. They attend an exam presented by a different EMS training program (enrollment is coordinated by the first exam site) and fail this single station for the third time. They now have failed the second practical skills exam attempt and are ineligible for State Certification until such time as they successfully complete another initial training course.

If during the second exam attempt, they pass every failed station on the second or third try (thus passing all 6 stations) they will have passed the Practical Skills Exam.

No CEUs are offered with this program. This is an exam.

Required materials:

Stethoscope, pen light, pen and paper

Evaluation:

The National Registry skill sheets are used as the evaluation tool. Students are graded as pass or fail. The evaluation sheets are available on Blueboard.