

EMS CERTIFICATION AND EXAM APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Applicant Instructions

A registered nurse or a physician assistant may apply for VT EMS certification at any level without prior EMS education or national EMS certification upon successfully demonstrating to their sponsoring EMS agency and EMS District Medical Advisor that they have the knowledge, skills, and affective competencies associated with the level they are seeking. An RN or PA may gain certification after successfully completing the psychomotor and cognitive examinations associated with that level.

After receiving the approval of their Head of Service, Training Officer and District Medical Advisor, the applicant selects a test site for the psychomotor examination(s) and submit an [application](#) to the EMS Office for approval. The application must be signed by all 3 officials listed above. Additionally, the applicant must:

- a) Meet the minimum age requirement for the level sought;
- b) Be sponsored by an ambulance or first responder service licensed at the level sought; and
- c) Meet the provisions for crime background screening, tax liabilities, child support payments and similar requirements described by current EMS rule and VT statute.

After the Department has confirmed the applicant's eligibility, the applicant must:

- a) Successfully complete the psychomotor skill examination(s) approved by the Department for the level sought. For the EMT-I-90 and EMT-I-03 levels, this shall include both the Vermont EMT-B and EMT-I-90 or EMT-I-03 psychomotor examinations; and
- b) Successfully complete the cognitive examination(s) for the level sought. For all levels other than EMT-I-90 or EMT-I-03, this is the National Registry of EMTs cognitive assessment examination. For the EMT-I-90 and EMT-I-03 levels, this is the NREMT EMT-B cognitive assessment examination and the Department's EMT-I-90 or EMT-I-03 cognitive examination.

The applicant may register for NREMT cognitive assessment exams at www.nremt.org. The applicant may register for EMT-I-90 or EMT-I-03 cognitive exams through the Vermont EMS Office.

Head of Service Instructions

All RN & PA applicants must be affiliated with a service licensed at or above the level at which they are applying. The Head of Service must sign the application attesting that the applicant is a member of the service.

Training Officer and District Medical Advisor Instructions

Checklists of learning objectives for the [First Responder-ECA](#), [EMT-Basic](#) and [EMT-Intermediate-03](#) levels are available on the Vermont EMS website. These checklists are optional and intended to help trainers and medical advisors assess the applicant's qualifications and determine if further training is required. The [EMT-Paramedic National Standard Curriculum](#) is also available on the Vermont EMS website.

If additional training is needed, the training officer and district medical advisor may assist the applicant in obtaining the necessary education and practice.

By signing the RN & PA Certification Exam Application, the training officer and district medical advisor attest that the applicant has the required knowledge, skills and competencies to function at the level for which they are applying.