

EMS Rule Change Summary

Continuing Education Rules and Instructor Rule Updates

Effective July 2, 2009

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4765-15-03 EMT-Basic Continuing Education.

- The number of continuing education hours required for renewal as an EMT-Basic did not change, however the hours related to trauma were modified:
 - Forty (40) hours of continuing education to include:
 - Six (6) hours on pediatric issues;
 - Two (2) hours on geriatric issues;
 - Eight (8) hours on trauma issues to include completion of the trauma triage and transportation protocols approved by the EMS Board.
- Successful completion of an EMT-Basic refresher course will satisfy all continuing education requirements.
- Current registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians at the EMT-Basic equivalent level and completion of the continuing education on trauma triage and transportation protocols will fulfill the continuing education requirement.
- An EMT-Basic may also take the examination approved by the EMS Board in lieu of the required continuing education hours.
 - Must obtain a passing score within three attempts to demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice as an EMT-Basic renewed without completing an EMS continuing education program.
 - This examination may only be taken during the last six months of an EMT-Basic's current certification period or during an EMS Board approved extension.
- Language added to rule stating that an individual that receives an extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must complete the requirements and submit application to the division, no later than the expiration date of the granted extension.

4765-16-03 EMT-Intermediate Continuing Education.

- The number of continuing education hours required for renewal as an EMT-Intermediate did not change, however the hours related to trauma were modified:
 - Sixty (60) hours of continuing education to include:
 - Eight (8) hours on pediatric issues;
 - Four (4) hours on geriatric issues;
 - Eight (8) hours on trauma issues to include completion of the trauma triage and transportation protocols approved by the EMS Board.
- Clarification that if an EMT-Intermediate completes an EMT-I refresher course, this course will satisfy forty (40) of the sixty (60) hours required. The EMT-Intermediate will still have to complete the remaining twenty (20) hours of continuing education.
- An EMT-Intermediate may also take the examination approved by the EMS Board in lieu of the required continuing education hours.
 - Must obtain a passing score within three attempts to demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice as an EMT-Intermediate renewed without completing an EMS continuing education program.
 - This examination may only be taken during the last six months of an EMT-Intermediate's current certification period or during an EMS Board approved extension.
- Language added to rule stating that an individual that receives an extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must complete the requirements and submit application to the division, no later than the expiration date of the granted extension.

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4765-17-02 EMT-Paramedic Continuing Education.

- The number of continuing education hours required for renewal as an EMT-Paramedic were modified, along with the hours related to trauma:
 - Eight-six (86) hours of continuing education to include:
 - Twelve (12) hours on pediatric issues;
 - Four (4) hours on geriatric issues;
 - Eight (8) hours on trauma issues to include completion of the trauma triage and transportation protocols approved by the EMS Board.
 - Six (6) hours on emergency cardiac care continuing education, which may be satisfied upon successful completion of one of the following:
 - An advanced cardiac life support course of the American heart association;
 - An advanced cardiac life support course of the American safety and health institute;
 - An equivalent program approved or designated by the EMS Board;
 - Six (6) hours of continuing education in emergency cardiac care.
- An EMT-paramedic refresher course will satisfy forty-eight (48) hours of the required eighty-six (86) hours of continuing education;. The EMT-Paramedic will still need to complete the remaining thirty-eight (38) hours of continuing education;
- Current registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians at the EMT-Paramedic or equivalent level and completion of the continuing education on trauma triage and transportation protocols will fulfill the continuing education requirement.
- An EMT-Paramedic may also take the examination approved by the EMS Board in lieu of the required continuing education hours.
 - Must obtain a passing score within three attempts to demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice as an EMT-Paramedic renewed without completing an EMS continuing education program.
 - This examination may only be taken during the last six months of an EMT-paramedic's current certification period or during an EMS Board approved extension.
- Language added to rule stating that an individual that receives an extension of time to complete continuing education requirements must complete the requirements and submit application to the division, no later than the expiration date of the granted extension.

4765-18-08 Reinstatement of a Certificate to Teach as an EMS Instructor.

- **NOTE: PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC RULE FOR IN-DEPTH DETAIL**
- Specifies requirements to be met when reinstating a certificate to teach as an EMS Instructor;
 - **EMS Instructor certificate expired for no more than six (6) months and has completed all CE/renewal by expiration date:**
 - Submits a completed application
 - Application fee of \$75
 - Provides division with documentation of successful completion of all CE/Renewal requirements
 - Certificate was in good standing at time it expired
 - In the preceding seven (7) years, must be certified/licensed as a first responder, EMT, or registered nurse or physician assistant for at least five (5) years;
 - Possesses a current and valid certificate to practice as a first responder or EMT or holds a current and valid Ohio license to practice as a registered nurse or physician assistant
 - **Expired for no more than six (6) months, and has NOT completed all CE/renewal requirements by expiration date:**

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- Submits a completed application
- Application fee of \$75
- Successfully completes the Instructional Methods Examination within three attempts
- Provides division with documentation of successful completion of all CE
- Certificate was in good standing at time it expired
- Meets all qualifications for a certificate to teach set forth in rule 4765-18-05
- Training program previously completed must be significantly similar
- **Expired for more than six (6) months, but less than one (1) year:**
 - Submits a completed application
 - Meets all requirements in #1 or #2
 - Ten (10) hours of supervised teaching
- **Expired for more than one (1) year, but less than two years**
 - Submits a completed application
 - Meets all requirements in (# 3)
 - Completes a new eight (8) hour EMS module
- **Expired for more than two (2) years**
 - Must complete a new EMS instructor training program

4765-18-13 Fire Instructor Seeking Certificate to Teach as an EMS Instructor.

- **NOTE: PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC RULE FOR IN-DEPTH DETAIL**
- Specifies requirements to be met by a Fire Instructor wishing to obtain a certificate to teach as an EMS Instructor.
 - In the preceding seven (7) years, must be certified/licensed as a first responder, EMT, or registered nurse or physician assistant for at least five (5) years
 - Possesses a current and valid certificate to practice as a first responder or EMT or holds a current and valid Ohio license to practice as a registered nurse or physician assistant Must submit a completed application
 - Pass the EMS Instructor knowledge exam and practical exam consistent with level of EMS certification within preceding three years
 - Pass the EMS Instructor knowledge exam and practical exam prior to completing the eight (8) hour EMS module
 - Complete eight (8) hour EMS Module