

BEFORE THE DELAWARE STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

IN RE: Regulation Changes)
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FINAL ORDER ADOPTING REGULATION CHANGES

The Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission, pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 6604(1), proposed to revise:

Regulation 710, Sections 14.2 and 14.3 by clarifying that Delaware certified EMTs are required to obtain and maintain National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification and providing a path for recertification for out of state EMTs.

Following publication in the Delaware Register of Regulations on January 1, 2018 a public hearing was held on February 20, 2018. Written comment periods were held open for thirty days, and an additional fifteen days following the public hearing. At the hearing, the Board accepted as evidence and marked as the Board's Exhibit 1 documentation of publication of the notice of the public hearing in the News Journal and as Board Exhibit 2, documentation of publication of the notice of the public hearing in the Delaware State News. During the written public comment period, no comments were received. During the public hearing, no comments were received.

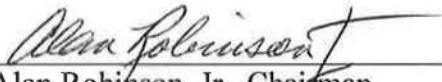
Summary of the findings of fact

Pursuant to discussions held during open public Commission meetings, it was determined that Regulation 710 needed to be revised to clarify that Delaware certified EMTs are required to obtain and maintain National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification. The Commission further determined that there should be a clear path provided for in the regulation for recertification for out of state EMTs. These changes were completed at the behest of the Director of the Fire School.

Decision of the Board

The Commission received no public comment regarding the proposed regulations. Therefore, the Commission adopts the regulations as proposed, as reflected in Exhibit A.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 20th day of March, 2018 by the Delaware State Fire Commission.



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EXHIBIT A

The proposed additions to the rule are reflected in underline. Deletions are reflected in strike through:

14.2 Delaware Certification

14.2.1 Certification may be obtained by successfully completing a state approved EMT course and passing the NREMT exam. Registration and Certification will be issued for the time period to coincide with the NREMT Certification cycle. This is typically a two-year period.

14.2.2 Individuals who take an EMT class from a state-approved provider other than the Delaware State Fire School are required to meet all Commission requirements for Certification.

14.2.2.1 It is the responsibility of the individual applying for certification to provide criminal history background check pursuant to 16 ~~Del.C.~~ §6712.

14.2.2.2 It is the responsibility of the individual applying to provide all necessary documentation for certification which includes their course completion certificate, a copy of their current CPR/AED-Certification card, approved by the Commission, Delaware protocol training and current NREMT card.

14.3 Recertification as Delaware EMT

14.3.1 Individuals will be re-certified for a two-year period ~~or, if Nationally Registered, for a period~~ to coincide with their NREMT card.

14.3.2 The re-certification requirements for a Delaware EMT will be determined by the Commission, with recommendations of their medical director.

14.3.3 Requirements for re-Certification are:

14.3.3.1 Individuals must submit a request for re-Certification to the Commission documenting completion of the following requirements.

14.3.3.1.1 Successfully complete the National Continued Competency Program or an approved in-State Delaware EMT refresher that meets the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) National EMS Education Standards most current curriculum conducted by the Delaware State Fire School or an equivalent sanctioned by OEMS and approved by the Commission.

14.3.3.1.2 ~~Current CPR/AED certificate card, approved by the Commission.~~ Current National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification; to coincide with the Delaware Certification cycle.

14.3.3.1.3 Completion of the approved application form provided by the Commission.

14.3.3.1.4 The applicant for re-Certification is a member in good standing of a Delaware Fire Department, an Ambulance organization, a private Ambulance provider or any other group business or industry certified or recognized by the Commission to provide BLS and/or Ambulance service within the State.

14.3.3.1.5 The Chief, Chief Executive Officer, President or head of the respective organization signs the application.

14.3.3.1.6 The applicant for re-Certification has not previously had their Delaware EMT Certification revoked. Previous suspension of a Delaware EMT Certification may be grounds for denial of re-Certification.

14.3.3.1.7 A Delaware EMT employed in another state may present a certificate of completion for training credit from an out-of-state refresher program that participates in the NHSTA NCCP program. The EMT will be required to complete the Delaware content under the local section of the NCCP curriculum to complete the required Delaware Refresher for recertification.

14.3.4 Re-registration as an NREMT: The registration requirements for a National Registered Emergency Medical Technician will be determined by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

14.3.4.1 Continuing education classes to achieve re-registration through the NREMT ~~will be reviewed for approval by the Office of Emergency Medical Services~~ shall be approved in accordance with NREMT policy and procedures.

14.3.5 Active duty military personnel not able to re-certify due to deployment will be permitted an extension of Certification until they are able to return and complete necessary requirements. Upon return the individual shall have 90 days to complete re-Certification requirements.