

Taking the NREMT Computer Based Exam

Contra Costa Emergency Medical Services

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Exam Prerequisite

In order to take the NREMT computer based exam, you must have completed an approved EMT Training program in the previous 12 months. If it has been longer than 12 months you must complete a new National Registry Skills Verification exam. If your county EMT certificate has been expired for more than 12 months, you must take a 24-hour Refresher class and complete a National Registry Skills Verification exam.

When Exams are Offered

NREMT computer based exams are offered at three Bay Area Pearson-Vue test centers: Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco. Exams are offered at other locations around the state and in other states. Exams test times vary by test site but are usually weekdays and Saturdays. The fee to take an exam is \$70.00. Check with the National Registry for the latest fee information – www.nremt.org.

Studying for the Exam

Below are several of the available study resources. These can be found through Amazon, on the web or through your local bookstore. These can be especially helpful if you are retaking the exam. Our recommendation is to get a book that asks questions and then gives the answers with the rationale. Several titles include the following:

- *EMT-Basic Self-Assessment Exam Prep Review Manual* – ISBN 0131097326 - Brady
- *SUCCESS! for the EMT, 2nd edition*, ISBN 0132253968 – Brady
- *EMT-Basic Pearls of Wisdom* – ISBN 9780763742270 – Jones and Bartlett Publishers
- Online practice exams: www.bradybooks.com. Click on *Test Prep and Review* and select *EMT Achieve*. Approximately \$13.00 for 4 exams.

Registering for the Exam

Registering for the exam involves several steps:

1. Go to www.nremt.org. Click on *Login* and then *Set Up a New Account*. Then login and set up your personalized account information. Record your username and password, and your assigned NREMT Candidate Id number. You can pay your \$70.00 application fee online at the same time. If you do not have a credit card, you can pay by mail – but this will delay your taking the exam.
2. Upon completion of your EMT class, including the written and skills exam, your school's program director will login to www.nremt.org and grant you "authorization to test." This authorization can only be done if you have first set up your personal NREMT account.
3. You can check your status by logging back into your account at www.nremt.org (click on *Candidate Services* and then *Check Application Status*). If your program director has given you authorization, the information on your written and practical skills exam and CPR will now show. If authorization has not been granted, you need to check with your program director.
4. When authorized, you will receive an email or letter with information on the next step.
5. You will go to www.vue.com and click on *Take a Test*, then scroll down and select *National Registry of EMTs*. Click on *Create a Web Account* to set up your personal account. Record

your information. You need your previously issued NREMT Candidate Id number for this step. Once verified, you can select a test center and set up a date and time to test.

Come Prepared

Plan on arriving 30 minutes early for the exam. Persons arriving late will not be allowed to take the exam and will have to reschedule. Be sure to bring a photo id.

Rescheduling an Exam

If you cannot make your exam date and time, it is your responsibility to reschedule through www.vue.com. Failure to show up for your exam or to reschedule at least 24-hours before the scheduled date and time will require another application and another payment. No refunds are issued.

Getting the Results

The results of your exam will be available the next day at www.nremt.org. You will be mailed a copy of your results, and your NREMT certificate and wallet card in about 10-14 days.

Retaking the Exam

If you fail the exam, you can reschedule a new test date and time. You have to wait two weeks to retest. You will have to again have to go to www.nremt.org to pay your fee and www.vue.com to schedule another exam.

Candidates failing the exam are allowed six opportunities to complete the examination. If at any time before you pass the exam, it has been longer than one year since completing your EMT program, you must complete a new Skills Verification exam. To take the exam a fourth time, you must complete a 24-hour Refresher class. This allows you to take the exam three more times. If you have not passed the exam after six attempts, the entire EMT program must be repeated.

Certifying with Contra Costa County EMS

The final step to becoming an EMT in California is to complete the local certification process. You can certify with any EMS agency. The Contra Costa EMS web site at www.cccems.org has all information and forms online.

Questions

Direct questions to the National Registry at 614-560-4726 or go to their website at www.nremt.org.



EMS Students!

Follow These Steps to Apply For Your NREMT Exam



Congratulations on nearing the completion of your EMS course. After you graduate, you will be taking the NREMT certification exam. We suggest you begin the application process 4-6 weeks before you intend to take the test. Prior to testing you will need the following:

- application
- course completion verification by your program director and
- application fee payment

Follow these easy steps to apply to take the NREMT exam. If you need additional assistance, please contact NREMT at (614) 888-4484. We're ready to help!

Step 1

Create Your Account

- Go to www.nremt.org
- Click on 'Login' (found in the blue bar at the top of the page)
- Click on 'Set Up New Account'
- Complete all information in this section as prompted
- Request user role of 'Registrant or Candidate' (do not complete any information within the gray box)
- Read the submission statement
- Click on 'Submit'

Step 2

Login

- After you have completed Step 1, you can follow the link and login with the username and password you created

Step 3

Manage Your Account Information

- Complete all information in the Personal Account Information fields as prompted. *Note: This is the name that will appear on your application, National Registry certificate and card upon successful completion of the examination*
- When you have completed all fields, click 'Save'. You will receive a message indicating 'Account Saved'

You will need the following information from your instructor:

This course has been approved in the state of:

Program Name:

Section Code (if applicable):

Step 4

Create a New Application

- Click on 'Create a New Application'
- Review the Personal Information Summary – if any items are incorrect, make corrections by clicking on 'Manage Account Information'
- Select the application level you wish to complete
- Review the Entry Requirements; check the acknowledgement to complete the online application
- Complete any statements as prompted
- Click on 'Next'
- Complete all information in this section as prompted. *Use the information in the box above provided by your instructor*
- Read the acknowledgement prior to clicking 'Submit'. Clicking 'Submit' is your electronic signature and indicates that you have read, reviewed and agree to the acknowledgement

Step 5

Pay Application Fee

- It is recommended that you pay your application fee at the time you complete your online application. However, if you choose, you may pay at a later date. An Authorization to Test (ATT) will not be issued until payment has been received and all other verifications are complete.
- You can pay by credit/debit online or print a money order tracking slip for mailing your money order to the NREMT

Monitor the Progress of Your Application

You can monitor the progress of your application at any time.

- Login on the NREMT Home Page using your username and password
- Click on 'Candidate Services'

- Click on 'Check Application Status'
- Three areas of the application process are displayed:
 1. Course Completion Verification,
 2. Payment of Application Fee and

3. Practical Skills Verification. Each topic provides an explanation of the status and who to contact for further assistance, if necessary.

**Additional informational can be found on the NREMT instructional DVD.
Ask your instructor for more information or visit the NREMT website at www.NREMT.org.**