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INTRODUCTION

This manual is intended to help you prepare for the State of Wisconsin Emergency Medical Technician-Basic written and practical licensing examinations. It details these examinations and answers some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT)-Basic testing.

As of January 1, 2007, the NREMT adopted Computer Based Testing (CBT) as their written examination format. This examination is administered by Pearson VUE (www.vue.com/nremt/).

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services EMS Section (DHS-EMS), which is the agency responsible for licensing EMS personnel in the State of Wisconsin, recognizes this examination process for EMT-Basic (EMT-B) licensure. Wisconsin does accept licensure from other states through reciprocal agreements. These agreements vary from state to state, so questions regarding reciprocity should be directed to the DHS-EMS for clarification at <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/EMS>.

The NREMT-Basic practical examination was developed by representatives of state EMS Training Centers, DHS-EMS, Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCSB) and the NREMT. This examination complies with NREMT guidelines and is approved for persons seeking NREMT-Basic certification.

The practical examination is designed to provide a fair, valid and reliable evaluation of your ability to function as an EMT-Basic. This examination is intended to assure that candidates who successfully complete this examination are competent to provide patient care.

NREMT TESTING

- the order in which the NREMT practical and written examination are taken is not mandated
- registration with NREMT is required prior to taking either the practical or written examination
- registration with an approved training center and payment of the required fee to the training center must be completed to participate in a NREMT practical examination
- registration and payment of the required fees to NREMT must be completed to participate in the NREMT written examination administered by Pearson Vue (www.pearsonvue.com/nremt)
- registration and payment of the required fees to NREMT must be completed for practical examination results to be verified
- entry into either examination requires pre-registration and payment of fees without exception

Eligibility

- you have two (2) years of eligibility to pass both the written and the practical examination
- the two (2) year eligibility is measured from the date of completion of EMT-B course
- both your written and your practical must be passed within 12 months of each other and within the two (2) years of eligibility

NREMT WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- the State of Wisconsin utilizes the NREMT examination process as their examination format
- written examination is administered through Pearson VUE (www.vue.com/nremt/)
- eligibility is verified by:
 - successful course completion (course completion certificate or transcript)
 - training center verifies successful course completion with the NREMT
 - examination fees have been paid in full
- three (3) attempts are allowed before an EMT-B refresher course is required
- three (3) additional attempts are allowed with successful completion of refresher training
- failure of all six (6) attempts will require the completion of a new EMT-B course

NREMT PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

- practical examination is administered by training centers (for a current schedule see <http://systemattic.wtcsystem.edu/Instruction/Emergency-Med-Services/NRExamSchedule.pdf>)
- practical examination consists of six (6) stations (A-F)
- evaluation is done individually at each station with an EMT assistant as indicated
- verbalization (voice treatment) is the expectation while testing in stations A and D
- performance of the skill is the expectation while testing in stations B, C, E and F
- specific instructions will be given identifying the standards of performance

- each station has a time limit of either five (5) or ten (10) minutes
- standards of performance are governed by State of WI Standards and Procedures of Practical Skills Manual
- please remember to turn-off/silence all electronic devices during the examination
- please remember that the use of electronic devices during the examination process is limited to emergencies
- EMT-Basic candidates are allowed three (3) full attempts to pass the practical examination (one "full attempt" is defined as completing all six (6) stations and two retesting opportunities if so entitled)

NREMT WRITTEN / PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS – MINOR (17 YEAR OLD) CANDIDATES

- if you are 17 years old you are eligible to participate in both the written and practical examinations
- taking the practical examination will follow the same procedure as all other candidates
- after successful completion of the practical examination, your results held by WTCS Office until you are 18 years old (maximum of one (1) year)
- to take the written examination - register for an Assessment exam ("**Assessment-EMT-Basic**") and pay the \$70.00 NREMT application and examination fee
- after successful completion of the written examination, you will have an Assessment score until you are 18 years old (maximum of one (1) year)
- after turning 18 years old, you can convert the NREMT Assessment to NREMT Certification by:
 - send letter requesting conversion to:
 - National Registry of EMT's
Terry Markwood, MS Ed, NREMTB
Rocco V. Morando Building
6610 Busch Boulevard
PO Box 29233
Columbus, OH 43229
 - letter must contain candidates Social Security Number (SSN) or NREMT number or NREMT application identification (ID) number
 - check or Money Order payable to NREMT for the \$30.00 processing fee
- you will complete a "new application"
- you must then request:
 - your training center to verify successful course completion
 - WTCS Office to verify successful completion of the NREMT practical examination
- once all information has been received and verified, it will take approximately 7-10 business days to process and mail NREMT Certification packet

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

- complete a Practical Exam Report Summary (PERS)
- ensure this form is filled-out completely, as incomplete forms will delay processing
- fees for the practical examination are handled by the training center
 - payment instructions vary between different training centers
 - payment is required prior to participation in the examination process
 - no funds are to be given or should be accepted by any examination personnel
 - failure to pay in advance may result in your inability to test at that location
- after completing the paperwork, the Examiner or designee will assign you a candidate number
- candidate number is important to maintain candidate information and for tracking purposes

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Overview

- be present at the designated time
- get plenty of rest prior to the examination
- be properly nourished prior to the examination
- dress comfortably -- no shorts or open-toed shoes are allowed
- bring only the items specified by your course instructor

Practical Examination Staff

- NREMT Examiner Designee (Examiner) is the authority on all practical examination matters
- Station Evaluators are EMS or other qualified emergency medical personnel
- examination coordinators will direct candidates to the appropriate stations
- examination EMT Assistants are provided to assist candidate in various stations as indicated
 - EMT Assistants will follow the direction of the candidate
 - EMT Assistants are assumed to be trained as EMT-Basics and perform accordingly
- examination patients are provided to assist in the delivery of the examination
 - patients are following the direction of the Station Evaluator in symptom presentation
 - patients will answer questions asked regarding illness and/or injury

Procedure-Initial Orientation/Station Preparation

- examination begins with a briefing by the Examiner where detailed information is put forth
- candidates will be sent to the practical stations once Examiner candidate orientation is complete
- follow the directions of the exam coordinator dispatching candidates to the practical stations

Procedure-Arrival at the Station

- when you arrive at your practical station, the following will take place:
 - candidate will be met by Station Evaluator
 - Station Evaluator will:
 - request your name and candidate number
 - enter candidate information on the grid form
 - read aloud “Instructions to Candidates” exactly as printed
 - offer to repeat the instructions once and will ask if you understand
 - Station Evaluator gives you time to orientate yourself to the station layout and equipment

Procedure-Performing Assessments and Skills Demonstrations

- communicate with simulated patient exactly as you would with a real patient
- it is not necessary to explain why you are performing a particular skill, with the exception of:
 - verbalizing body substance isolation precautions at all stations
 - Station A and D (Assessments) require you to verbally establish scene safety
 - Station A and D (Assessments) require you to verbally establish the need for manual stabilization of the cervical spine
 - Station A and D (Assessments) require you to verbalize the patient’s transport priority
 - Station B (Spinal Immobilization) may require you to ask Station Evaluator to act as an untrained bystander

Use of Station Equipment / Supplies

- select and use only the items appropriate for that station
- do not feel obligated to use all equipment and/or supplies
- if equipment fails and/or is not available, immediately report this to the Station Evaluator and/or Examiner

Station Time Limits

- confirm time limit at each practical station
- inform the Station Evaluator when you are complete
- if time runs out, the Station Evaluator will instruct you to stop

Practical Examination Scoring

- Station Evaluator will give you the cue to begin
- Station Evaluator will be entering numeric values on the grid based on your performance
- each individual grid box has a unique value that will be totaled at the completion of the station

- numeric values of less than the total amount awarded must be accompanied with a specific comment from the Station Evaluator for the Examiner to review and approve
- Station Evaluator will document the amount of time candidate took to complete station
- Station Evaluator will indicate you are complete and dismiss you from the station
- Station Evaluators are not to give any indication as to candidate performance
 - this is not to be interpreted as anything other than them following the instructions
 - Station Evaluators do not make pass/fail decisions
- Examiner makes all decisions regarding scoring in the absence of an irregularities
- no practical examination scores are official until reviewed and verified by WTCS Office

Practical Examination Results

- preliminary practical examination results will be provided by Examiner on the day of exam
- information received will be a simple pass/fail with no further information given
- official results will be electronically sent from WTCS Office to NREMT within 30 days of the exam
 - if after 30 days you haven't received your NREMT results **AND** you have not received:
 - an email regarding your results **OR**
 - a letter stating that you need to retest (purple form) **OR**
 - a letter regarding the inability to verify your results (gold form)
- then you should contact WTCS Office at:
 - Arleen Case, 608-264-8524 or arleen.case@wtcsystem.edu **OR**
 - Tim Weir, 608-266-0995 or timothy.weir@wtcsystem.edu

Practical Retesting Options/Instructions/Information

- candidate failing one (1) or two (2) practical stations are eligible for a same day retest as follows:
 - same day retesting is available at training center
 - approved by Examiner

Practical Retesting at an Alternate Location

- a list of all upcoming practical exams is available at <http://systematic.wtcsystem.edu/Instruction/Emergency-Med-Services/NRExamSchedule.pdf>
- you must obtain advance permission from the host training center to participate
- you are responsible for all payment of fees associated with practical retesting
- failing to pay fees may result in denial to participate in the practical examination
- failing to properly register with the host training center may result in denial to participate in the practical examination
- you are responsible to be familiar with the equipment at the training center
- you are responsible for obtaining a copy of their Practical Exam Report Summary (PERS) from WTCS Office prior to retesting

- PERS forms are emailed to the candidate within 30 days of the examination (candidates who do not provide an email address will receive their PERS form by USPS)
- candidates needing a copy of their PERS must forward the following information to WTCS Office (arleen.case@wtcssystem.edu):
 - full name (spell last name) and speak slowly and clearly, if leaving a voicemail - email is preferred
 - social security number
 - date of birth
 - date/location you last tested
- if you have moved since you last tested include your new contact information -- home address, email address and phone number
- without the proper documentation (copy of the PERS) you will not be allowed to test

Practical Examination Results

- practical examination results remain valid for one (1) year from date practical examination
- if practical examination results expire, candidate must retest the entire practical examination
- both the practical and written examination must be successfully completed within one (1) year of each other
- you have two (2) years from date of course completion to complete both written and practical examinations

Practical Retesting Guidelines

- miss one (1) station - same day retest allowed, if available
- miss two (2) stations - same day retest allowed, if available
- miss three (3) or more stations - total retest required – no same day retest allowed

Alternate Location Retest (Initial Retest)

- candidate did not attempt a retest at original exam
- candidate must follow the exam registration procedures of the host training center
- miss one (1) station - same day retest allowed, if available
- miss two (2) stations - same day retest allowed, if available

Alternate Location Retest (Station Retest)

- candidate attempted a same day retest at original exam
- candidate must follow the exam registration procedures of the host training center
- miss one (1) station - total retest required - must be at another exam
- miss two (2) stations - total retest required - must be at another exam

Alternate Location Retest (Total Retest)

- candidate must follow the exam registration procedures of the host training center
- candidate must retest all six (6) stations
- miss one (1) station - same day retest allowed, if available
- miss two (2) stations - same day retest allowed, if available
- miss three (3) or more stations - total retest required - must be at another exam

Written Appeal of Practical Examination Results

- candidates have the right to appeal practical examination results with demonstrable cause
- appeal must be submitted in writing within six (6) months of the examination date to WTCS Office
- appeal letter must include the following:
 - date/location of the practical examination
 - detailed explanation of the reason for the appeal
- appeal must be accompanied by the following:
 - copy of the EMT course completion certificate
 - copy of Practical Examination Report Summary (PERS)
- Chief Examiner will evaluate the appeal and issue a written decision
- decision will be made within fifteen (15) working days of receiving the appeal and attachments
- decisions made by Chief Examiner are final.

WI EMT-B License Application

- you must apply to DHS-EMS for a Wisconsin EMT-Basic license should you wish to practice in WI

PLEASE NOTE:

Certificates you receive from your training center and/or from NREMT are not licenses and do not entitle you to practice as an EMT-Basic in Wisconsin. You will not receive a license automatically. Website to apply for State of WI EMT-Basic licensure:

http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/License_certification/elicensing/index.htm

Additionally, you must be affiliated with an EMS Service to practice as an EMT-Basic in the State of Wisconsin. Once you have applied for and received your EMT-Basic license, you must complete the Local Credential Agreement (LCA) found on the Wisconsin e-licensing website:

<https://www.wi-emss.org/public/wisconsin>

NREMT PRACTICAL TESTING GUIDELINES

Station – A

Medical Patient Assessment

- Type of Station: Problem-solving
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Scene size-up
- Primary assessment
- General impression / Mental status
- ABCs
- Transport priority
- Secondary assessment
- History of present illness
- SAMPLE history
- Baseline vital signs
- Appropriate physical exam
- Reassessment of patient to include vital signs.

To successfully complete this station, you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Determine scene safety
- Verbalize the administration of high-flow oxygen
- Verbalize priority patient and make transport decision
- Perform an appropriate physical exam
- Does not specify drug, dose, or route
- Indicate standing order or contact medical control
- Manage appropriately problems with the ABC's

Note:

You must determine that the scene is safe before approaching the patient. Since the ability to simulate hazards is limited, you must ask the Station Evaluator if the scene is safe and the number of patients. Because you will be tested individually at this station, there are two items which you must verbalize – the taking of manual cervical spine by your partner and the transport priority of your patient.

Station – B

Spinal Immobilization

- Type of Station: Skill
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Application and maintenance of manual cervical spine stabilization
- Assessment of circulation, motion and sensation in all four extremities
- Selection and application of a cervical collar
- Preparation and application of a spinal immobilization device if seated
- Movement of a patient with a suspected spinal injury to a longboard.
- Immobilization of a patient with a suspected spinal injury on a longboard
- Reassessment of circulation, motion and sensation in all four extremities

To successfully complete this station you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Apply and maintain manual stabilization of the patient's cervical spine within 60 seconds
- Maintain manual immobilization until maintained mechanically
- Assess circulation, motion and sensation in all four extremities
- Select and properly apply a cervical collar without excessive movement or interference with patency of airway
- Move the patient without excessive movement
- Reassess circulation, motion and sensation in all four extremities

Note:

This station simulates a patient with a suspected spinal injury who is found either supine, prone or seated. The Station Evaluator will present a mechanism for random selection of the patient's position.

Station – C

Fractures & Dislocations

- Type of Station: Skill
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes – Traction Device
Five (05) minutes – Other

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Assess circulation, motion and sensation distal to each injury before and after splinting
- Application and maintenance of manual support and traction to a suspected long bone injury and manual support to a suspected joint injury
- Selection, preparation and application of appropriate commercial or improvised splints to a suspected long bone injury and a suspected joint injury

To successfully complete this station you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Assess circulation, motion and sensation distal to each injury before and after splinting
- Apply and maintain manual stabilization to a suspected long bone injury
- Apply and maintain manual stabilization to a suspected joint injury
- Select, prepare and apply an appropriate commercial or improvised splint to each injury without aggravating the injury
- Completely immobilize the injury

Note:

Even though this is not an “assessment” station, you must assess circulation, movement and sensation distal to each suspected injury before **AND** after splinting. Injuries will be randomly selected by the Station Evaluator.

Station – D

Trauma Assessment

- Type of Station: Problem-solving
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Scene size-up
- Primary assessment
- General impression / mental status
- ABCs, to include the consideration for control of external hemorrhage
- Rapid trauma examination (30 seconds)
- Oxygen administration
- Transport priority decision
- Management of shock
- Baseline vital signs
- Head-to-toe physical exam
- SAMPLE history
- Reassessment of patient to include vital signs

To successfully complete this station you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Determine scene safety
- Consider c-spine (voice acknowledge)
- Perform an Primary assessment
- Identify and manage any life-threatening injury before beginning a focused history and physical exam
- Verbalize high-flow oxygen
- Assesses pulses
- Identify high priority patient prior to detail physical exam
- Treat any life threatening injury
- Assesses the airway, breathing and circulation before the physical examination

Note:

You must determine that the scene is safe before approaching the patient. Since the ability to simulate hazards is limited, you must ask the Station Evaluator if the scene is safe and the number of patients. Because you will be tested individually at this station, there are three items which you must verbalize – the taking of manual cervical spine by your partner, the transport priority of your patient and voice treatment of any injuries.

Station – E

Bag-Valve-Mask and Non-Visualized Airway

- Type of Station: Skill
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Proper selection and application of a bag-valve-mask device
- Proper selection and application of a dual lumen airway device

To successfully complete this station you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Initiate ventilations within 30 seconds after taking BSI precautions
- Does not interrupt ventilations for greater than 30 seconds at any time
- Ventilates patient at a rate of 10-12/minute
- Voice treats and ultimately provide high oxygen concentrations (12-15 L/minute)
- Provides adequate volumes per breath (maximum 2 errors/minute permissible)
- Directs oxygenation of patient prior to insertion of the Combitube® or King LTSD®
- Properly inserts any adjunct
- Properly insert the dual lumen airway device within 3 attempts
- Inflates cuff(s) properly
- Removes the syringe immediately after inflation of cuff(s)
- Confirms tube placement by auscultating lung sounds bilaterally and auscultating the epigastric region

Note:

Remember that you have a maximum of 30 seconds from the last ventilation until your first ventilation through the dual-lumen airway.

Station – F

Cardiac Arrest Management / AED

- Type of Station: Skill
- How Tested: Individually
- Time Limit: Ten (10) minutes

Knowledge required for this station:

- Body substance isolation precautions for infection control
- Adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation performed to current AHA guidelines
- Preparation, attachment and operation of an automated external defibrillator

To successfully complete this station you must:

- Take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions prior to patient contact
- Administer the first shock within 90 seconds
- Immediately direct initiation/resumption of CPR at appropriate times
- Assure all individuals were clear of patient before delivering a shock
- Operate the AED properly or safely (inability to deliver shock)
- Prevented the defibrillator from delivering any shock

Note:

You will be responsible for the initiation and continuation of effective CPR and the integration and utilization of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) into a given scenario. Remember that pauses greater than 10 seconds during CPR are not allowed.

EQUIPMENT LIST FOR NREMT BASIC EXAM

Medical Patient Assessment

Gloves
Pen Light
Blood Pressure Cuff
Stethoscope
NRB mask
Stopwatch
Blank pad and pen/pencil
Medication samples
Stopwatch

Spinal Immobilization

Gloves
Cervical collars
Assorted dressings and bandages
KED
Long Spineboard
Head immobilization device
Padding/blankets
Patient securing straps
Tape
Chair without arms or wheels
Stopwatch

Splinting Skills

Gloves
Traction devices
Padded Board Splints / other splints
Bandages / Dressings / Cravats
Stopwatch

Trauma Patient Assessment

Gloves
Pen Light
Oxygen tank w/tubing (may be empty)
Blanket
Blood Pressure Cuff
Stethoscope
NRB mask
Blank pad and pen/pencil
Stopwatch

BVM and Non-Visual Airway Device

Gloves
Combitube® with lubricant
King LTS-D® with lubricant
Airway Manikin
Stethoscope
Oropharyngeal/Nasopharyngeal airways
Bag-valve mask/reservoir bag
Oxygen tank w/tubing (may be empty)
Stopwatch

Cardiac Arrest/AED

Gloves
AED Manikin
AED Trainer
Bag-valve mask
Pocket mask
Oropharyngeal/Nasopharyngeal airways
Oxygen tank w/tubing (may be empty)
Stopwatch

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Now that I've completed EMT-Basic training program, do I have to take the NREMT examination?
- A. No. But you will need to take this exam if you plan on working as a licensed EMT-Basic engaged in the pre-hospital care or want just to be nationally-registered for future use in licensing as an EMT-Basic. As long as your national registry certification is current, DHS-EMS will accept this certification for licensing as an EMT-Basic. If you allow your certification to expire you will have to complete additional training and complete the examination process again. Specific requirements are contained in Wisconsin Administrative Code- Chapter DHS 110.
- Q. Do the terms "certification" and "licensure" mean the same thing?
- A. No. Your training center certified that you completed a state-approved EMT-Basic course and the NREMT certifies you as completing their examination process. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is the sole entity that is allowed to license an individual as an EMT-Basic in the State of Wisconsin. Furthermore, the State of Wisconsin accepts the certification from the NREMT to gain licensure in Wisconsin. PLEASE NOTE: you must gain licensure to perform the duties of an EMT-Basic in the State of Wisconsin and be affiliated with an EMS service.
- Q. Why should I take the NREMT examination if I'm not going to apply for a Wisconsin license?
- A. Regardless of your intent to obtain a Wisconsin EMT-Basic license, becoming certified by the NREMT will be important if you decide to seek licensure in the future as most licensing agencies throughout the country accept NREMT certification for licensure purposes. Additionally, meeting the NREMT continuing education requirements and maintaining your certification preserves your eligibility for Wisconsin licensure or licensure in another state.
- Q. How long am I eligible to take the license examination after completing my EMT-Basic course?
- A. You must pass both the practical and written components of the test within one (1) year of each other and within two (2) years of the date you completed your EMT-Basic training course. If you fail to pass the practical within your first three (3) attempts you must then do a Total Retest. EMT-Basic candidates are allowed three (3) full attempts to pass the practical examination (one "full attempt" is defined as completing all six (6) stations and two retesting opportunities if so entitled). If you fail to pass the written after three (3) attempts, additional training is required to continue written attempts. After six (6) written attempts you must complete a new full EMT-Basic course. After the two (2) year time period, you will have to complete a new full EMT-Basic course and begin the NREMT examination process again.

Q. What does it cost to take the EMT-Basic license examination?

A. Written: NREMT charges a \$70.00 written examination fee payable when registering online for the examination. Registration can be completed by going to www.nremt.org. The NREMT uses Pearson Vue for their written (CBT) testing and Pearson Vue will be charging fees for scheduling exams, other than online, starting January 1, 2012.

Practical: The training center delivering the practical examination sets their own price. If the training center offers a same-day retest option, there is normally no charge for a same-day retest. Retests delivered on another day and/or at another examination location will require an additional fee based on the amount of retesting you need. Payment of fees for the practical examination are handled directly through the training center offering the examination and the process varies from site to site.

Licensing: The State of Wisconsin does not charge a fee for the initial license.

Q. Will I be allowed to leave the examination site at any time during the examination process?

A. Only with the permission of the Examiner. It is important that you move quickly through the exam process. While you may want to take a short break, do not leave the exam site unless instructed otherwise. If you are concerned about missing a meal, check with the host training center about rules regarding food at the examination site.

Q. Is there more than one kind of emergency medical technician license?

A. The State of Wisconsin issues temporary training permits and EMT licenses recognizing five provider levels: First Responder, Basic, IV-Tech, Intermediate and Paramedic. A person who has met minimum training requirements may apply for an EMT-Basic training permit which allows its holder to work on an ambulance crew only when supervised by a fully licensed EMT or equivalent. A training permit is valid for a maximum of 24 months. A regular EMT-Basic license is issued to an applicant who has completed an approved EMT-Basic training program, and has passed both the practical and written components of the license examination. Licenses are valid for two years and expire on June 30th of even-numbered years.

Q. What are the requirements to renew an EMT-Basic license?

A. Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 110 provides that a licensed EMT-Basic must submit an application for renewal. The applicant must submit proof that he or she has completed an approved EMT-Basic refresher course within the preceding two years, and proof of current certification in Basic Life Support (CPR) at the "health care provider" level by a BLS training program approved by the State of Wisconsin EMS Section.

Q. Am I required to maintain my national registry?

A. No. License renewal does not depend on maintaining your registration. However, meeting the NREMT continuing education requirements will insure that you have met and exceeded current license renewal requirements. Furthermore, your employer may set a stricter standard than the state, in which case you may have to maintain your registration to keep your job. Although you may have no plans at this time to move out of Wisconsin, you may want to maintain your national registration as your plans may change. Depending on the rules in other states, current registration may aid you in your application for an EMT-Basic license.

Remember, also, that if you do not apply for an EMT-Basic license after passing the license examination, you will remain eligible to apply for that license in Wisconsin as long as your national registry is current.

Q. May I purchase and wear State of Wisconsin EMT shoulder patches if I am not licensed?

A. No. Only licensed EMTs may purchase and wear the shoulder patches identifying their levels of licensure and their license numbers.

Q. Whom do I contact if I still have questions about training, licensure and/or registration?

A. Your EMT-Basic Course Coordinator will be able to help you with most questions about training. Remember, though, that your local EMS Training Center is not a branch of the Wisconsin DHS-EMS Section or the NREMT. Your Course Coordinator may suggest that you direct certain questions, especially those requiring interpretation of state or registry policies and/or rules, directly to the appropriate agency. Names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of people within those agencies are available from your EMS Training Center.

WEBSITE REFERENCES

Wisconsin Technical College System Emergency Medical Services

<http://systemattic.wtcsystem.edu/Instruction/Emergency-Med-Services/EMS.htm>

NREMT-Basic Examination Candidate Manual

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Wisconsin Department of Health Services – EMS Section

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www.nremt.org

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