

Overview of Utah EMS Certification Exams

Following is a chart of the written and practical exams required for initial certification, recertification, and reciprocity certification at the various EMS certification levels.

Certification	Exam	Initial	Recertification	Lapsed Certification If less than 1 year no practical exam	Reciprocity
EMR	Written	NREMT (CAT) Cognitive Exam	None	National Registry Assessment Exam	NREMT Certification
	Practical	State adapted EMR Psychomotor Exam	Skills pass-offs CME	If >1year NREMT Psychomotor Exam	None
EMT	Written	NREMT (CAT) Cognitive Exam	None	National Registry Assessment Exam	NREMT Certification
	Practical	State adapted EMT Psychomotor Exam	Skills pass-off CME	If >1year NREMT Psychomotor Exam	None
AEMT	Written	NREMT (CBT) Cognitive Exam	None	National Registry Assessment Exam	NREMT Certification
	Practical	NRAEMT Psychomotor Exam	Skills pass-off CME	If >1year NREMT Psychomotor Exam	None
EMT-IA	Written	NREMT I-99 Assessment Exam	National Registry Assessment Exam	National Registry Assessment Exam	Not Available
	Practical	NREMT I-99 Psychomotor Exam	Skills Pass-off CME	Not Available	Not Available
Paramedic	Written	NREMT (CAT) Cognitive Exam	None	National Registry Assessment Exam	NREMT Certification
	Practical	NREMT Paramedic Psychomotor Exam	Skills pass-off CME	If >1year NREMT Psychomotor Exam	None
EMD	Written	National Academy or Equivalent	None	NAEMD	NAEMD
	Practical	National Academy or Equivalent	None	None	None

We strongly encourage you to study before taking the certification exam(s). Please refer to the National Education Standards, latest AHA guidelines, current best practices and NREMT Web site for preparatory information

What to Expect from the Cognitive Exam

The NREMT Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) cognitive exam is a computer adaptive test (CAT). The number of items a candidate can expect on the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) exam will range from 80 to 110. The maximum amount of time given to complete the exam is 1 hour 45 minutes.

The NREMT Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) cognitive exam is a computer adaptive test (CAT). The number of items a candidate can expect on the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) exam will range from 70 to 120. The maximum amount of time given to complete the exam is 2 hours.

The NREMT Advanced Emergency Medical Technician cognitive exam is a computer based test (CBT). Each candidate will see 135 questions. The maximum amount of time given to complete the exam is 2 hours and 15 minutes.

The NREMT Paramedic (NRP) Paramedic cognitive exam is a computer adaptive test (CAT). The number of items a candidate can expect on the Paramedic (NRP) exam will range from 80 to 150. The maximum amount of time given to complete the exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The exams will cover the entire spectrum of EMS care including: Airway, Respiration & Ventilation; Cardiology & Resuscitation; Trauma; Medical & Obstetrics/Gynecology; and EMS Operations. Items related to patient care are focused on adult and geriatric patients (85%) and pediatric patients (15%). In order to pass the exam, you must meet a standard level of competency. The passing standard is defined by the ability to provide safe and effective entry level emergency medical care.

Preparation

The first place we recommend candidates to go for preparation for the written exam is to their course coordinator or their training officer. They should be able to guide you in your preparation for the written test.

Scheduling

Before you can schedule your NREMT cognitive exam, you must first submit an application to the state Bureau of EMS & Preparedness that includes; your photo; Acknowledgement of Bureau of EMS Policies and Procedures; Declaration of Understanding of Technical, Academic, and Physical Standards; and fees. These requirements are outlined on the [Initial Certification](#), [Recertification](#), and [Reciprocity Certification](#) pages.

NREMT Application Process

- Create a login on the NREMT website (nremt.org).
- [Complete a National Registry online application](#), including truthfully completing the Licensing Action and Criminal statements. [click here for more information on the NREMT Criminal Policy](#). The NREMT may deny certification or take other appropriate actions in regards to applicants for certification or recertification when a criminal conviction has occurred.
- Pay the application fee (US funds). The application fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. This fee is charged for each attempt of the cognitive examination.
- You will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) once you are eligible for the exam. The ATT letter contains scheduling instructions and important details concerning proper identification required at testing centers.

Written Exam Locations

Utah Pearson Vue Sites for NREMT Cognitive Exams

NREMT Southwest Applied Technology College Cedar City UT United States

NREMT Pearson Professional Centers-Ogden UT Ogden UT United States

NREMT Pearson Professional Centers-Draper (Salt Lake Cty) Draper UT United States

NREMT Dixie College of Utah St George UT United States

NREMT Pearson Professional Centers-Bountiful (SLC) UT Bountiful UT United States

You will receive an e-mail with test login information. You must take this with you along with picture ID when you go to test.

Practical Exams

The EMR & EMT psychomotor examination is an end of course state approved examination. Speak with your Course Coordinator about the format and logistics of completing a state-approved EMR or EMT psychomotor exam. The skill sheets below are included and referenced in the psychomotor examination.

Advanced Level psychomotor examinations are scheduled through National Registry. These exams may be taken with your course and are scheduled by your course coordinator. Failure to attend your course scheduled exam and any retesting will likely require you to seek a NREMT test site on your own.

Skill Sheets

[Bleeding Control Shock Management](#)

[BVM Ventilation](#)

[Cardiac Arrest AED](#)

[Joint Immobilization](#)

[Long Bone Immobilization](#)

[Medical Assessment](#)

[Oxygen Administration](#)

[Spinal Immobilization Seated](#)

[Spinal Immobilization Supine](#)

[Trauma Assessment](#)

Practical exams test your ability to perform the skills you have learned as an EMS professional by presenting you with psychomotor skills and scenarios. Your Course Coordinator will arrange your psychomotor exam through National Registry for Advanced Levels

For recertification Skills evaluation are administered under the direction of the medical director by training officers in local EMS agencies or recertification teaching and testing agencies, contact your training officer or contact a teaching and testing agency.