



## **International Policy for National EMS Certification**

The NREMT Board of Directors approved this policy on November 9, 2011 to address the use of the NREMT's National EMS Certification on an international basis. The Board determined that decisions regarding use of the NREMT in foreign countries would require a case-by-case decision making process that focused on two important elements. Element one regarded assurance of that the education met or exceeded the current NREMT certification requirements and element two regards business decisions regarding cost recovery. It was also determined that some requests for use of NREMT services may vary and that until the specifics of how this use was proposal based, final decisions regarding this use would have to be approved by the Board of Directors. The NREMT staff was instructed to work with countries requesting on a principle center philosophy. The following are those principles:

### **Letter of approval**

In the event that a foreign country, state, providence or region of a foreign country and/or school or EMS service requests use of NREMT certification services that entity must present to the NREMT a letter from that countries governmental authority that they approve of this use or the letter must state the country has no opposition to the use of the NREMT certification.

### **EMS Education Approval**

The NREMT will authorize EMR, EMT and AEMT certification to graduates who meet and/or exceed the current National EMS Education Standards as validated by an educational program that is affiliated with CAAHEP accredited paramedic education program and is currently state approved within the United States. The co-sponsoring institution must have faculty present during the delivery of the course.

At the Paramedic level the education program offered in a foreign country must be affiliated with a U.S. based CAAHEP accredited Paramedic education program.

### **Pre-requisites**

Paramedic applicants must hold or have held NREMT Basic certification or a foreign countries equivalent of EMT licensure and have authorization to practice in that country.

### **Cognitive Examinations**

Must be delivered at Pearson Professional Centers or Pearson VUE Select Centers. Examinations must be delivered in English only.

### **Psychomotor Examinations**

All Psychomotor examinations at the EMT, AEMT and Paramedic levels must be administered by a National Registry Representative, appointed by the NREMT.

### **Examination Fees**

The cognitive examination fee is the same fee (in U.S. dollars) as required for all U.S. candidates.

The Psychomotor examination reimbursement fees will be established by the NREMT on a case-by-case basis and must be prepaid. National Registry Representatives may be appointed who are residents of foreign countries after appropriate training and only with authorization by the NREMT.

### **Entry-Requirements**

All applicants must meet current NREMT entry requirements.

**Recertification requirements** - All refreshers, continuing education, cardiac resuscitation courses that can be utilized for NREMT continuous certification must be approved by the Continuing Education Coordinator Board for EMS.

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