

## Motions & Resolutions

### 19-Resolution-03: Privileged Motion from the Certification Committee

#### **Resolution on The National Registry Board of Directors Support for Elimination of the Age Requirement.**

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competency of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, consistent application of rules related to the national standard needs to be applied to minimum age requirements for National certification;

WHEREAS, states and Designated Authorizing Agencies (DAAs) vary significantly on minimum age requirement for licensure;

WHEREAS, twelve states and the US military license providers under the age of 18;

WHEREAS, prior review of the 18-year-old age requirement was completed by the National Registry Board of Directors at the June 2012 Board Meeting with a resolution to maintain the requirement of the minimum age of 18 years old;

WHEREAS, there is not a clear national standard for the minimum age for EMS providers;

WHEREAS, states and DAAs have demonstrated meaningful local regulation of issues related to the age of providers through licensure and only three states lack licensure standards that include a minimum age requirement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors supports the elimination of the age requirement for all certification levels. The Executive Director is directed to adjust the eligibility requirements as needed to remove the age requirement in a reasonable period of time after consultation with stakeholders as may be necessary for smooth implementation. Staff is directed to prepare a position paper that illustrates the intent of the Certification Committee concerns related to the age of EMS providers.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12th day of June 2019.

## 19-Resolution-04: Privileged Resolution from the Standards & Examinations Committee

### **Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support for adoption of scaled score reporting in lieu of domain-level reporting of candidate examination results.**

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competence of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, failing examinees must be provided information on their overall performance on the cognitive examination; the domain-level feedback does not provide sufficient information to indicate overall performance on the cognitive examination;

WHEREAS, the cognitive examination is a summative examination where the pass/fail decisions are based on a candidate's performance on the entire examination and not on their performance on a specific content domain (i.e., sub-scale performance);

WHEREAS, the NCCA requirement does not require providing domain-level feedback;

WHEREAS, domain-level feedback using the current test design is not a reliable indicator of performance;

WHEREAS, the adoption of scaled score reporting and the discontinuation of domain-level feedback must take place in an orderly manner with appropriate messaging beforehand with a time period for stakeholder input; and

WHEREAS, the Standards and Examinations Committee, during its April 10, 2019 meeting, after review and discussion, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors adoption of scaled score reporting in lieu of domain-level reporting of candidate examination results; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors supports adoption of scaled score reporting for examinees who have failed the cognitive examination in lieu of the currently provided domain-level feedback.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12th day of June 2019.

**Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support  
for adoption of technology enhanced item types on the cognitive examination.**

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competence of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, technology enhanced item types allow for better measurement of certain content areas than the standard multiple-choice item types, a higher degree of fidelity in measuring content areas, and the sampling of a broader content domain;

WHEREAS, technology enhanced item types allow for the assessment of higher cognitive levels of ability;

WHEREAS, technology enhanced item types allow for better balanced item banks;

WHEREAS, the ability to use technology enhanced items is feasible within the existing item management system;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of technology enhanced item types on the cognitive examination must take place with sufficient time for pre-planning and piloting, in addition to proper messaging and practice for candidates and the educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Standards and Examinations Committee, during its April 10, 2019 meeting, after review and discussion, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors adoption of technology enhanced item types on the cognitive examination; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors supports adoption of technology enhanced item types on the cognitive examination.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12th day of June 2019.

19-Motion-06: Privileged Motion from Finance Committee: Procurement Policy

**Motion: Procurement Policy Adoption**

Motion to approve the procurement policy, as written.

Passed on the 12th day of June 2019.

19-Motion-07: Privileged Motion from Finance Committee: Financial Reporting Policy

**Motion: Financial Reporting Policy Adoption**

Motion to approve the Financial Reporting Policy, as written.

Passed on this 12th day of June 2019.

19-Motion-08: Privileged Motion: Support of Continued Competency Plan

**Privileged Motion: Support of Continued Competency Plan**

Motion to accept and approve the Continued Competency Plan, as submitted.

Passed on this 12th day of June 2019.

## 19-Resolution-09: Resolution: EMS Fellow Eligibility for Certification

### **Resolution on The National Registry Board of Directors Support Recognition of Board-Certified EMS Physician training for National EMS Certification**

WHEREAS, the National Registry is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competency of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, the eligibility criteria for National Registry certification requires completion of a State EMS Office approved or accredited training program;

WHEREAS, physicians that provide verification of enrollment in or completion of an approved EMS Fellowship or current Board Certification as an EMS Physician sometimes seek National Certification as an EMT, AEMT, or NRP without completing a State EMS Office approved or accredited training program;

WHEREAS, the training for Board Certified EMS Physicians covers the depth and breadth of an EMS initial training program;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors recognizes Board Certified EMS Physician as the equivalent of recent completion of an accredited training program for EMT, AEMT, or NRP certification. The Executive Director is directed to adjust eligibility requirements within a reasonable period of time after consultation with stakeholders as may be necessary for smooth implementation.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12th day of June 2019.

## 19-Resolution-10: Resolution: Advanced Pathway to Certification

### **Resolution on The National Registry Board of Directors Support of an Advanced Placement Pathway for National EMS Certification**

WHEREAS, the National Registry is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competency of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, the eligibility criteria for National Registry certification requires completion of a State EMS Office approved or accredited training program;

WHEREAS, healthcare providers sometimes seek National Certification as an EMT, AEMT, or NRP without completing a State EMS Office approved or accredited training program;

WHEREAS, the initial training for other healthcare providers does not cover the full depth and breadth of an EMS initial training program and healthcare providers seeking certification have widely varied education, training and experience which would make a nationally standardized bridge template impossible;

WHEREAS, the design of National Registry examinations is predicated on an eligibility requirement of recent completion of an educational program that covers the full depth and breadth of the domain of knowledge and the valid interpretation of examination results is based on this design;

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Registry and role of the National Registry as the Nation's EMS Certification does not include the development of educational programs or curricula;

WHEREAS, CoAEMSP standards for accredited programs and some state approved educational practices allow qualified educational programs to evaluate prior education, training and experience and grant relevant advanced placement in educational programs to cover any identified gaps;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors supports the current requirement for attestation that the candidate has successfully met course requirements and are therefore eligible for examination. The Executive Director is directed to communicate that eligibility requirements allow for advanced placement by qualified educational programs pursuant to state regulations. The Executive Director may adjust application processes as needed to recognize advanced placement within a reasonable period of time after consultation with stakeholders as may be necessary for smooth implementation. The Executive Director is further directed to collaborate with stakeholder organizations to encourage the appropriate use and documentation of individualized advanced placement programs by qualified educational programs.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12th day of June 2019.



19-Motion-11: Motion: Support of the Examinations Improvement Plan

**Motion: Support of the Examinations Improvement Plan**

The Standards and Examination Committee moves that the Board of Directors continue to support the Examinations Improvement Plan. With no abstentions, the motion passed this 12th day of June 2019.

19-Motion-13: Privileged Motion from the Finance Committee: 2019 Budget Amendment

**Motion: Approval of 2019 Budget Amendment**

Motion to approve the 2019 Amended Budget.

Passed on this 12th day of June 2019.

## 19-Resolution-15: Privileged Resolution from Communications Committee: Merchandise Sales

### **Resolution on the Merchandise Offered for Sale by the National Registry**

WHEREAS, the National Registry offers a variety of merchandise that includes the National Registry brand;

WHEREAS, there is currently a large-scale bootleg market for National Registry brand merchandise;

WHEREAS, the current National Registry processes require the identification of current certification to purchase merchandise;

WHEREAS, the process limits merchandise opportunities and does not prevent misrepresentation of certification status;

WHEREAS, patches, cards and certificates indicate certification in a manner distinct from merchandise containing the logo;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors resolves to allow the sale of National Registry logo wear merchandise without the requirement of proof of current certification. The Executive Director is directed to work towards implementation within a reasonable time. The Board recommends that the Executive Director may seek legal advice on the implementation of the resolution including but not limited to disclaimer wording.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.