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Regulations Updates for Emergency Medical Technicians, Instructors and Medical Directors

These regulations were effective on December 26, 2014:

1. Requirement to take a biennial recertification cognitive (written) test for EMT-1, EMT-2 and EMT-3 providers is no longer required for certification. All other requirements for recertification still exist, including a skills competency and the current continuing education requirements.
2. All EMS providers (EMT-1, EMT- 2, and EMT-3) must now, within the required 48 hours continuing education, have two (2) hours of continuing education related to pediatrics in their recertification cycle beginning with EMT's expiring 12/31/2015.
3. The Manual Defibrillator Technician was removed as a provider certification level. The term and level of Manual Defibrillator Technician is mentioned multiple times in regulation but has not been a functional certification level for many years.
4. Advanced EMT (AEMT) definition was added to the regulations. Alaska State EMS will now recognize the AEMT EMS provider level.
5. Instructor certification may be shortened or lengthened to match the expiration dates of the EMT Instructors license or EMS service's expiration dates.
6. The \$10.00 retesting fee is now waived.
7. Application Fee of \$25.00 for an extension for renewal for EMT-1, EMT-2, EMT-3, and instructors will be effective May 1, 2015. This fee can be waived by the EMS Office, at its discretion.
8. Non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 for late recertification applications will be effective May 1, 2015. This fee can be waived by the EMS Office at its discretion for extenuating circumstances.
9. EMT-1 students may now take either the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Basic written certification exam or the Alaska EMT-1 exam for final testing and certification purposes. The psychomotor exam is still required.
10. Instructor applicants may now complete their methods of instruction (MOI) course up to 24 months before their Alaska Specific Instructor training begins.
11. Reciprocity, rather than 'Comity', is now the term to be used when referring to gaining equivalent licensure from another state or when the EMS office grants equivalent education from another state. Reciprocity and Comity are equivalent but Reciprocity is more widely used.
12. Decisions about Reciprocity by our department remain in effect throughout the administrative process including appeal.

13. Topics that are eligible to count for EMS Continuing education will now include
 - i. Air Medical Emergency Care
 - ii. Disaster Preparedness and Response
 - iii. Domestic Violence
 - iv. Operational Tasks such as skills training on airway management or back-boarding
 - v. Behavioral emergencies
 - vi. Wilderness EMS courses
 - vii. Emergency Driving
 - viii. Dispatch Training
 - ix. Medical or legal considerations
 - x. College Courses in Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacology, Psychology, Sociology, Injury Prevention or Statistics.

Continuing Education courses can be taken in a variety of manner including via 'distributed learning' (Internet based), didactic sessions, practical drills, or critiques such as Morbidity and Mortality reviews.

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Sincerely,



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