

MEMORANDUM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

The Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification examination is made of two parts: a psychomotor (practical) exam and a cognitive (written or computer based) exam. The psychomotor exam consists of 5 stations for the EMR and 7 stations for the EMT. You will be graded on your ability to perform specific skills in each station required for your certification. You will be graded individually. You will be given hypothetical situations. The skill/grading sheets used are from the National Registry of EMT's. These are the official validation for EMR and EMT candidates, approved by the PA Dept. of Health, Bureau of EMS. Upon successful completion of all stations, you will then be required to attempt the EMR/EMT Written/Cognitive Examination.

There are 5 grading areas for the Psychomotor EMR exam, which are:

- Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
- Patient Assessment/Management-Trauma
- BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Adult Patient
- Patient Assessment/Management-Medical
- Oxygen Administration by Non-rebreather Mask

There are 7 grading areas for Psychomotor EMT exam, which are the 5 listed above and additionally:

- Spinal Immobilization (Supine Patient)
- Random EMT Skills

The skills performed will be within your scope of practice for the level of certification you are seeking. Student candidates will enter and perform individually and be evaluated on those skills as performed and verbalized. You are required to perform "hands-on" assessments that are correct, timely and appropriate function(s) of all skills. Re-testing opportunities will be based upon: the number of students and evaluators at the site, and the number of skill stations that candidates are initially successful.

Station times are dependent upon the number of students testing. Ample time is provided to complete all necessary skills, for your first attempt.

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Retesting:

- If you are unsuccessful in one (1) or two (2) stations you will be re-tested on only the skills that you did not pass. This re-test may be offered on the same day, the decision for re-testing is at the discretion of the exam coordinator.
- If you are unsuccessful in three (3) or more of the stations you will be required to re-test all five (5) of the stations. This re-test will **not** be offered on the same day. This would be considered exam attempt one (1).

Total exam attempts allowed will be six (6) and they must be completed within 2 years of successful completion of the certification class. After three (3) failed exam attempts, the student must complete one of the following to become eligible for the next three (3) exam attempts:

- a. Successfully complete the entire certification program
- b. Successfully complete a "hands-on" remedial course at the appropriate EMS provider level approved by the department.
 - Must be taught by a current PA EMS Instructor from an approved EMS Education Institute.
 - After the documentation from the EMS Education Institute has been received by the Regional EMS Council, the student candidate can be scheduled for re-test opportunities.
- c. If all six (6) exam attempts are unsuccessful, the student shall be required to retake the entire certification program.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Retesting:

- If you are unsuccessful in one (1), two (2) or three (3) stations you will need to be re-tested on only the skills that you did not pass. This re-test may be offered on the same day, the decision for re-testing is at the discretion of the exam coordinator.



- If you are unsuccessful in 4 or more skill stations you will be required to re-test all 7 stations. This will **not** be completed on the same day. This would be considered exam attempt one (1).

Total exam attempts are six (6) and they must be completed within two (2) years of successful completion of the certification class. After three (3) failed exam attempts, the student must complete one of the following to become eligible:

- Successfully complete the entire certification program
- Successfully complete a "hands-on" remedial course approved by the department.
 - Must be taught by a current PA EMS Instructor from an approved EMS Education Institute.
 - After the documentation from the EMS Education Institute has been received by the Regional EMS Council, the student candidate can be scheduled for re-test opportunities
- If all six (6) exam attempts are unsuccessful, the student shall be required to retake the entire certification program.

There is only Pass or Fail. To successfully complete the psychomotor-practical portion of the certification examination, a pass grade must be attained in all skills stations. All skills stations that receive a fail grade may be retested. The retest may or may not be held on the same day as the original examination.

The examination process is to provide you with a fair and unbiased evaluation. Do not discuss the exam with any students before, during or after your skills station rotation. If you are found to be exchanging information with anyone during your psychomotor exam, you will be removed from the exam and your results will be invalidated.

The skills are to evaluate your ability to correctly perform care for the patient, in a safe manner during the examination process.

At each station an Evaluator/Skill Examiner:

- Will greet you.
- Introduce themselves.
- Give you further instructions.

Once you encounter the patient, the evaluator/skill examiner may have updated patient information for you and will provide it if and when appropriate. The evaluator/skill examiner will respond as medical command or as the incoming EMS Unit ONLY if the scenario requires a communication element. The evaluator/skill examiner will not be permitted to answer questions once the scenario begins.

You may **not** inquire as to the results of your exam either by station or as a whole. The examiners are **not** permitted to discuss with you whether you are successful or unsuccessful.

The undersigned assumes all responsibility for all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned while attending or participating in a practical/psychomotor examination. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in such practical/psychomotor examinations, the undersigned hereby releases, discharges, and holds harmless the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council and any associated organizations and successors and their owners, employees, and agents from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action, present and future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of, or incident to, the undersigned's attendance at, participation in or intended participation in practical examinations.

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND SIGNED THE AFORESAID MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

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Exam Candidate	Date	Witness	Date
		(If Examinee is a minor, Witness must be a Parent or Guardian)	

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PRINTED NAME	PRINTED NAME

Name of EMS Education Institute: _____