Say hello to the National Continued Competency Program.

A new National EMS Recertification model

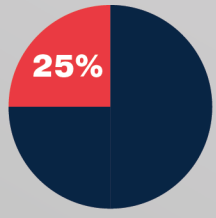
Emergency medicine is a rapidly changing profession. In the field, EMS providers can't rely solely on the training they had years ago. Patients deserve safe and competent care, and a provider's ability to deliver quality care depends on continuing education.

Introduced in 2012, the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) reflects the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' commitment to a dynamic recertification process that prepares providers to deliver care their communities need. NCCP requirements are updated regularly to ensure that national standards always reflect evidence-based medicine and the current needs of the EMS profession. And it's more efficient, too. Without lowering the standards of maintaining National EMS Certification, the NCCP model requires fewer total hours of continuing education and expands options for distributive education compared to the traditional recertification model.

Today, 40 states and federal agencies use the NCCP recertification model, and by 2019, all Nationally Certified EMS providers will be required to use the model for recertification.

A national standard with local flexibility

By dividing continuing education requirements into three categories, the NCCP model streamlines the recertification process and offers more customization options for states and agencies than ever before. The national component — half of the total hours required at each certification level — reflects national standards set by the NREMT; the local and individual components — each 25 percent of the total hours — are standards set by states and agencies, respectively. This division ensures the consistency of patient care across the country and empowers providers to train for and respond to their community's specific needs.



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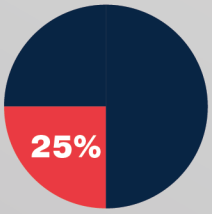

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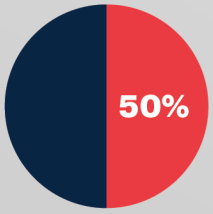

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Who says recertification has to be hard?

Different certification levels have different continuing education needs — so, under the NCCP model, the number of required continuing education hours now varies by level. In most cases, the more focused requirements of the NCCP model allow the NREMT to require fewer hours overall. And that, together with the acceptance of more distributive education, makes maintaining National EMS Certification easier (and more important!) than ever.

LEVEL	NAT'L	LOCAL	INDIV	TOTAL
EMR	8/3	4/3	4/4	12
EMT	20/7	10/7	10/10	40
AEMT	25/8	12.5/8	12.5/12.5	50
PARAMEDIC	30/10	15/10	15/15	60

total hours required / hours allowed via distributive education

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