

CENTRAL REGISTRY PROCEDURE MANUAL

Subject: NREMT Assessment Exam	Number: 650-85
Effective Date: 12-14-2020	

PURPOSE:

To provide information on who is eligible to take the NREMT Cognitive Assessment Exam and how to apply and obtain EMSA approval.

REGULATION GUIDANCE:

According to the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2, an applicant for initial EMT certification or reinstatement over 12 months is required to show proof of passing the Cognitive and Psychomotor Exams (NREMT) within the last two years or possess a current and valid NREMT registration card. The assessment exam allows certain candidates to take the NREMT (cognitive) exam and notifies them of pass/fail status. The assessment exam does not provide a NREMT Registration card. For CA EMT certification purposes, passing the NREMT psychomotor exam is also required; this is a separate process. See additional information at the end of this procedure.

REFERENCE:

- Chapter 2: Emergency Medical Technician
- EMT Eligibility, Recertification and Expiration Cycles chart
- The NREMT provides an “assessment examination” for use by State EMS offices seeking cognitive evaluation of a potential licensee.

REASONS TO UTILIZE THE NREMT ASSESSMENT EXAM:

1. A candidate utilized the challenge process in Chapter 2 to obtain a course completion record.
2. A candidate has an out-of-state EMT certificate or course completion record but not a current and valid NREMT basic registration or proof of passing in the last two years. Since they are not obtaining a CA EMT program director’s authorization to take the NREMT exams, they may request that the LEMSA verify their eligibility; then proceed with the approval process to take the cognitive assessment exam.
3. A candidate has an expired EMT certificate lapsed over 12 months and does not qualify for NREMT reinstatement * or does not want a NREMT basic registration card. They must meet requirements and request that the LEMSA verify their eligibility; then proceed with the approval process to take the cognitive assessment exam.

*Note: A state approved refresher course or CE is required for reinstatement of the NREMT basic registration card, but not for the assessment exam process.

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1. Candidate submits documentation to the LEMSA to review/verify eligibility for the NREMT Cognitive Assessment Exam. This consists of reviewing the EMT application, the live scan results, the out of state EMT card or course completion, fees and any other requirements for initial certification/reinstatement except the assessment exam.
2. Candidate applies for the Assessment Exam on the NREMT site, ensuring that they check off the box marked "Assessment Exam." Here is a link to the [NREMT exam process](#).
3. The LEMSA emails the EMS Authority Division Chief, Sean Trask at sean.trask@emsa.ca.gov, with the candidate's name and request to approve the candidate to take the assessment exam. In his absence, the LEMSA may email Kim Lew (Manager - Paramedic Licensure Unit) at Kimberly.Lew@emsa.ca.gov.
4. The Division Chief approves the candidate exam request from the LEMSA on the NREMT website and notifies the LEMSA who will contact the candidate. If there are concerns, you may [contact NREMT](#).

INFORMATION REGARDING THE REQUIRED PSYCHOMOTOR EXAM:

The NREMT psychomotor exam is not part of the cognitive assessment exam. The applicant will need to connect with a current approved program by EMSA or a LEMSA in order to request psychomotor testing. This may require the assistance of the LEMSA in discovering a current program in session and willing to add a student at test time.

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