

Emergency Credential Levels (ECL)

To make the most effective use of health professionals who may have varying levels of clinical competency, the ESAR-VHP program has developed a uniform process for classifying and assigning volunteers into one of four credential levels, based on the credentials provided and verified*.

So, what does this mean to health professional volunteers?

Level 1	Identifies volunteers who are clinically active in a hospital, either as an employee or by having hospital privileges.
Level 2	Identifies volunteers who are clinically active in a wide variety of settings, such as clinics, nursing homes, and shelters.
Level 3	Identifies volunteers who meet the basic qualifications necessary to practice in the state in which they are registered.
Level 4	Identifies volunteers who have healthcare experience or education that would be useful for assisting clinicians and providing basic healthcare not controlled by the scope of practice laws (may include health professions students or retired health professionals who no longer hold a license).

Assigning healthcare volunteers to these different levels is important because it:

- Reduces the credential verification burden for emergency care delivery;
- Allows personnel to be allocated according to need;
- Permits volunteers to be used at their highest capacity; and
- Facilitates sharing of volunteer personnel



* Sources: <https://www.phe.gov/esarvhp/Pages/registration.aspx>

You might hear from us here at the CA Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)!

Clinicians, we want to make sure that your Emergency Credential Level (ECL) is correct, especially if you are currently working in a hospital or a medical clinic. EMSA assists your local DHV/MRC System Administrator by verifying employment/license information in order to assign the proper ECL. EMSA staff may contact you via email from our Sacramento headquarters to verify your employment, license status, or additional information. Although you may have already entered requested information into the DHV system, EMSA may contact you to verify that information. If you have any questions about the requested information or this email contact, please feel free to email us at dhv@emsa.ca.gov. Again, please do not be surprised if you get an email from us!

ESAR-VHP - The Stories and Experiences of Volunteer Health Professionals

Video: ESAR-VHP - The Stories and Experiences of Volunteer Health Professionals

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68ZBDO06NpY>

