



# Pennsylvania Department of Health

## BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### MEMORANDUM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

The Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification examination consists of two parts: a psychomotor exam and a cognitive exam. You must complete your first attempt of each part, within 12 months of certification course completion. The psychomotor exam consists of one station. You will be scored on your ability to perform patient assessment and management and a specific skill(s) in the station required for your certification. You will be scored individually. In each patient assessment and management scenario, the candidate will be required to demonstrate one skill(s) from the following list:

#### EMR

- Obtain Vital Signs
- Medication administration
- Oxygen administration
- Airway adjunct insertion and BVM ventilation
- Oropharyngeal suctioning
- CPR and AED
- Bleeding control

#### EMT

- Obtain Vital Signs
- Medication assist
- Medication administration
- CPAP administration
- Oxygen administration
- Airway adjunct insertion and BVM ventilation
- Oropharyngeal suctioning
- CPR and AED
- Bleeding control
- Extremity immobilization
- 12-Lead placement

The skills performed will be within your scope of practice for the level of certification you are seeking. You will enter the designated station and will be provided verbal directions for performing the patient assessment and management and the designated skill. You will 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. The exam result is only

provided as “successful” or “unsuccessful”. To successfully complete the psychomotor exam, a passing score must be attained in the patient assessment and management portion and successful demonstration of the designated skill. If you are unsuccessful, on either portion, you will be eligible for a retest opportunity. The skills examiners are not permitted to discuss with you whether you are successful or unsuccessful. Same-day retesting opportunities are at the discretion of the exam administrator.

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

- 1) A person who fails the written examination three times shall complete a refresher course approved by the department or repeat the EMS provider training program before taking the examination again.
- 2) A person who fails the practical skills examination three times shall complete a remedial course approved by the department or repeat the EMS provider training program before again taking the examination.
  - a) Must be taught by either a PA EMS agency medical director of a licensed PA EMS agency OR PA certified prehospital emergency medical services physician of a licensed PA EMS agency OR PA recognized EMS Instructor-Trainer OR PA certified EMS Instructor
  - b) After the completed remediation form has been received by the Regional EMS Council, the candidate can schedule retest opportunities.
- 3) A person who fails either examination six times or who does not pass the required examinations within two years after completing the EMS provider training program shall receive no credit for an examination previously passed and shall repeat the training program for the EMS provider certification before the person may take the certification examinations again.
- 4) If the standards a person needs to satisfy to take a certification examination change after the person has failed the examination, the person may not retake the examination unless the person meets the new standards.

The examination process is to provide you with a fair and unbiased evaluation. You are not permitted to discuss the exam with any students before, during, or after your attempt. If you are found to be exchanging information with anyone during your psychomotor (practical) exam, you will be dismissed from the exam. Dismissal from an exam, for any reason, will cause your results to be invalidated and will count as one of the six exam attempts permitted to attain EMS certification.

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The undersigned assumes all responsibility for all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned while attending or participating in psychomotor (practical) examinations. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in such psychomotor (practical) 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 psychomotor (practical) examinations.

By signing, I acknowledge I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND AGREE TO THE AFORESAID MEMORANDUM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT.

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Name of EMS Education Institute where enrolled