

STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**POLICY FOR RECERTIFICATION  
UTILIZING CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS**

In accordance with NAC 450B.336 and .420, a certified first responder, emergency medical technician, intermediate emergency medical technician, or advanced emergency medical technician may qualify for renewal if the holder of the certificate has successfully completed an approved continuing education program that is at least equivalent to the national standard refresher course for the level of certification for which the holder is applying; or

By obtaining credit hours or units of continuing education, 1 hour of instruction is equal to 1 education unit, approved by the Health Division that has the following minimum number of hours;

First Responder.....20 hours  
EMT Basic and Intermediate.....30 hours  
EMT Advanced.....40 hours

Continuing education units (CEUs) and hours may be categorized into the following areas:

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1) Trauma              | 4) Related Specialty Areas |
| 2) Medical             | 5) Cardiac                 |
| 3) Pediatric/Geriatric | 6) Skills Verification     |

A maximum of 10 hours per category will be allowed to ensure a well rounded education. Attendance at EMS-related conferences may qualify for more than one category as supported by the conference agenda. It is recommended that prior approval by the State EMS Office be requested to assure acceptance toward renewal of certification.

Additional CEUs can be obtained via the internet or national trade journals. Most of the sites that provide these credits also charge a fee. In order to be acceptable for certification renewal they must have a Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) approval number. Certificates submitted that do not have this approval number will be rejected. Internet sites approved for CEUs to fulfill the Continuing Medical Education requirements for renewal of EMS certification include, but are not limited to:

CE Solutions    [www.ems-ce.com](http://www.ems-ce.com)  
EMI Net         [www.eminet.com](http://www.eminet.com)  
EM Cert         [www.emcert.com](http://www.emcert.com)

Acceptable documentation would include certificates issued by the agency that conducted the training. Certificates must display topic of instruction, number of CEUs or hours obtained, date of instruction, and Nevada EMS course approval number or CECBEMS number. Copies of sign-in sheets are not acceptable.

Evidence of current CPR training is required by submitting a photocopy of a valid card issued by American Heart Association, National Red Cross, National Safety Council, or any other program as approved by and filed with the Health Division. CPR will be granted 4 CEUs per renewal period.

Licensed emergency medical technicians, at all levels, **must** submit evidence of having completed one skills verification, signed by the service medical director or a qualified instructor approved by the Health Division during the 12-month period prior to the expiration date of the certification. They **may** also submit a skills verification from the prior year. Credit towards CEU's will be applied to category 6 (skills verification) in the following amounts:

EMT	1 hour for each year for a maximum of 2 hours
EMT-Intermediate	2 hours for each year for a maximum of 4 hours
EMT-Advanced	3 hours for each year for a maximum of 6 hours