



Policy Statement

10 NYCRR Part 800.3 through 800.20; Education Change Log Effective 06.05.2024 V 1.1

Overview:

This document serves as a comprehensive overview of recent regulatory changes within the Article 30 Part 800 education regulations.

Providers will start to see transition in processes to reflect the new regulations.

Specific policy guidance documents will detail revised processes, eligibility criteria, administrative procedures for course sponsors, reciprocity measures, and changes in provider certifications.

For any inquiries or concerns prior to the release of additional guidance, please contact the Bureau of EMS through the 'Contact Us' link on the EMS forms page.

General Changelog Guidance

There were revisions to each section of the education regulations that include combining of two or more sections, grammatical changes, or renumbering of a section. These changes will not be enumerated individually in this changelog.

In all sections where the words “written exam” appears, it was replaced with “cognitive exam” to accommodate for the availability of online testing options.

In all sections where the words “practical skills examination” appears, the wording has been changed to “practical skills evaluation” to accommodate additional options in the future to evaluate practical skills. Course sponsors should not change pathways without additional guidance from the department.

Regulation Changes:

800.3 – Definitions

800.3 (w) Continuous practice- Removes the qualifier of “prehospital” for patient care and removed the requirement that a provider be an active member of an agency.

Section 800.6 - Initial Certification Requirements

Section 800.6 (b) Changes the date when students must be 17 years of age to test to the end of course completion instead of when the student takes their exam.

Section 800.6(c)(4) Removes “Emergency Medical Technician - Critical Care” as a level of state certification original and refresher courses being offered. *NOTE: EMT-CC can still renew via CME program.*

Section 800.6(d) and Section 800.6(e) are combined into one regulation and contain the following revisions and additions:

1. Extends the deadline to take a cognitive examination to two years from the completion of the course.
2. Changes the term “examination” to “evaluation” for determining skills competencies.
 - a. Additional guidance on this change is to follow in policy guidance. Course sponsors should not change pathways without additional guidance from the department.
3. Creates the opportunity for students to be provided remediation, rather than solely relying on a refresher course, when the candidate is unsuccessful with the skills evaluation and/or cognitive examination.
4. Removed the words “except at the certified instructor coordinator and certified laboratory instructor levels” to provide clarification for that section.

Section 800.7 – Repealed - this is repealed to combine it with 800.10 and reserved for later use.

Section 800.8(d)- Recertification Requirement combines sections 800.8 (d) and 800.8(e) and clarifies that the student has one year from the end date of the course to pass their practical skills evaluation.

Section 800.9- Recertification by Continuing Education is amended in the following manner:

1. Changes the name of the regulation to “Recertification by Continuing Medical Education”.
2. Section 800.9 (2) is amended to remove the requirement that an applicant must be a current or active member or employed by an emergency medical services agency to recertify using continuing medical education.
3. 800.9 (3) removes the postmarked requirement for applications because the bureau is only accepting electronic forms of submission.
4. 800.9 (4) removed the requirement that only an agency submit the continuing medical education application and removed the requirement that is be postmarked.

Section 800.10- Retesting Applicants for Initial Certification or Recertification is amended in the following manner:

1. Retitled to “Retesting applicants for initial certification or recertification”.
2. Section 800.10(a) and (b) are amended to be in line with National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician standards for the number of times a student may participate in remediation for the practical skills evaluation and cognitive examination.
3. Inserted “the end of course date” to provide clarification on the time period allowed to test.

Section 800.11- Advanced EMT Certification

Section 800.11(a)- is amended to remove the word “defibrillation”.

Section 800.11 (a) (1) States that basic certification is required for the duration of the advanced course.

Section 800.12 – Reciprocal Certification Requirements

Section 800.12(a)- Removes the reference to “Emergency Medical Technician - Critical Care” level which is not available for reciprocity.

Section 800.12(b) is amended in the following manner:

1. Expands upon acceptable demonstration of need for reciprocity.
2. Revises the curriculum to National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards.
3. Clarifies the process by which reciprocity may be given to an applicant and what is required of that applicant.
4. Increases the filing fee up to \$99.00.
5. Refers to the original regulation that sets the minimum age for candidates.

Section 800.12(c) is amended to add a new regulation that limits to the ability to use reciprocity for recertification.

Section 800.12(d) is amended to add a new regulation that clarifies when a certification granted through reciprocity will expire.

Section 800.12(e) is amended to add a new regulation stating that an applicant must disclose any disciplinary actions charged by other state EMS agencies in their reciprocity application.

Section 800.13 – Repealed - is repealed.

Section 800.14 – Continuous States

Section 800.14 is amended to remove the reference to “ambulance” services as to include first response agencies as acceptable in the agreement in reference to neighboring states.

800.15- Required Conduct is amended to include those pursuing certification at any level.

800.15 (a) (1) The National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards (2021) was incorporated by reference, which means it was cited properly. Where there is reference to the EMS Education Standards in other parts of the regulation, it refers to the intext citation under 800.15 (a) (1). These changes will not be enumerated in this changelog.

Section 800.17- Period of Certification is amended to change the dates throughout the regulation to reflect a forty-eight (48) month certification period for all levels of provider.

Section 800.18- Lapsed Certification is amended to remove the date and simplify the regulation stating how a provider may address a lapsed certification by allowing enrollment in a refresher course with no time limit on eligibility.

Section 800.19 – Demonstration Projects - is amended in the following manner:

1. Removes the date and expands the types of demonstration projects to also include education delivery models and EMS delivery models.
2. It outlines that SEMSCO may authorize, subject to approval of the commissioner, demonstration projects.
3. New skills, and moving skills between certification levels, may be subject to review by regional emergency medical services councils.

Section 800.20 – Course Sponsors

Section 800.20(a)(3) is amended to allow course sponsorship renewal applications that have not receive comment from the respective regional emergency medical services council within the required amount of time to proceed to next step without their input.

Section 800.20(b) is amended in the following manner:

1. Changes the projected course schedule from six months to twelve months and the frequency of submission changes from twice per year to once per year.
2. The date of submission is also adjusted from July 1st to August 1st.

Section 800.20 (c) (1) is amended in the following manner:

1. Includes the specific attachments that are required in addition to course applications.
2. Added the words “by the deadline specified by the department”.
3. Rewords the regulation to state that sponsors will not admit students who do not meet requirements for certification.
4. It specifies what happens when course paperwork is not submitted on time.
5. Amended to refer to National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards.
6. Identifies the specific roles required of a course sponsor and the criteria related to the selection of those roles.

Section 800.20(c)(3) is amended in the following manner:

1. Clarifies what courses are required to have a Certified Instructor Coordinator in attendance.
2. Clarifies that the percentage of Certified Lab Instructors in respect to lab staff required for certification courses is at least fifty percent.
3. Removes the requirement that instructors for continuing educational courses complete a training course conducted by the department for that specific course.

Section 800.20(c)(5) is amended to remove all specific curriculum references and simplifies the regulation by stating that course sponsors adhere to the National Emergency Medical Services Educational Standard.

Section 800.20(c)(6) is amended to remove the requirement that sponsors conduct an annual review of test instruments and evaluation methods as this regulation is moved to a new location.

Section 800.20(c)(8) is amended in the following manner:

1. Expands the language that additional policies may be required and enumerates the policies that will be required.
2. It also adds the ability for the department to require new sponsor policies based on developments in education, the profession, or other necessary circumstances.

Section 800.20(c)(9)(i) is amended in the following manner:

1. Allows student files to be maintained electronically.
2. Expands the list of required documents in files to include what is now (f), (g), and (h) while maintaining what was previously required.

Section 800.20(c)(9)(ii) is amended in the following manner:

1. Allows for electronic maintenance of course files.
2. Extends the period of retention to at least five years.
3. Adds the requirement of course sponsors to retain any document that is relevant to the administration and record for the course.

Section 800.20(c)(12) Removes “advanced life support” to encompass BLS course sponsor in clinical rotation requirements.

Section 800.20(c)(13) is a new regulation that combines all quality assurance items that were located throughout various locations of the regulations into one location. It also includes the following requirements:

1. Develops new goals that ensure course sponsors are developing and maintaining quality educational programs that are evaluated by all stakeholders and are also adjusting to educational delivery models as needed.
2. It allows all course sponsor surveys, periodic reviews, and any written evaluations and/or recommendations by the medical director to be stored electronically.
3. Requires that all records must be provided to the department upon request.
4. Adds the requirements that records must be maintained for a period of five years.

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