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## LAPSE OF EMT CERTIFICATION

Very often EMS providers encounter situations where they've allowed their certifications to expire. In these situations many wish to re-certify their credential and seek guidance to that process. There are two common scenarios which exist that are covered in this informational packet:

1. An EMT whose certification has expired and **has not** gone two years beyond that expiration date and;
2. An EMT whose certification has expired and **has** gone two years beyond the expiration date.

Situations where the EMT **has not gone beyond two years** after the expiration date can be rectified by the provider completing the following requirements:

- Completing the required continuing education credits of 24 hours total credits, with a minimum of 18 hours clinical patient care credits. These will be reflected in their [PA EMS Provider Registry](#) status report.
- Taking the National Registry Basic Assessment Cognitive Exam.

In order to take the National Registry EMT Assessment Cognitive Exam the provider must [apply online](#).

There is a fee for this testing, to be paid by the applicant to NREMT at the time of the application.

Once a provider has applied online to take the National Registry exam, the Regional EMS Office serving the provider's county of residence must approve the request therefore the provider should call their Regional EMS Office **after** applying online for the exam.

Or

If the EMT **has gone beyond the two year** certification period they must fulfill the following recertification requirements:

- The provider must make up continuing 24 hours continuing education credits for not only their normal 2 year certification period, but also for all lapsed time periods beyond their expiration date.
- The number of credits needed is pro-rated in quarterly intervals.
  - **Example:** A provider's EMT certification expired on 04/01/2012. The date of the provider's request to recertify their expired certification is January 2015.
  - The provider will need 24 hours continuing education credits for the period from 04/01/2012 to 04/01/2014, **plus** an additional 16 hours continuing education credits (13 in clinical patient care category) for the period from April 2014 to January 2015.
  - The total required hours of continuing education credits needed would be 70, with 49 being in the clinical patient care category.
  - In some cases, if **more than three years** have elapsed, the provider may be advised to complete the entire EMT course again.
- Upon completion of the continuing education credits as described above the provider will need to take the National Registry EMT Psychomotor (practical) exam at their Regional EMS Office.
- Upon passing the National Registry EMT Psychomotor (practical) exam, the provider will then need to take the National Registry EMT Assessment Cognitive Exam.

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If the provider is a resident of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County EMS Training Office may be contacted for assistance at: (610) 278-2666.

More information regarding provider certification, renewal and reciprocity can be found in [PA Title 28, Rules & Regulations, \(Section\) 1023.21, D \(e\)](#).