

1 10A NCAC 13P .0502 is proposed for amendment as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 13P .0502 INITIAL CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMR, EMT, AEMT,**
4 **PARAMEDIC, AND EMD**

5 (a) In order to be credentialed by the OEMS as an EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic, individuals shall:

6 (1) ~~be~~ Be at least 18 years of age. An examination may be taken at age 17; however, the EMS credential
7 shall not be issued until the applicant has reached the age of 18.

8 (2) ~~complete~~ Complete an approved educational program as set forth in Rule ~~.0501(b)~~ .0501 of this
9 Section for their level of application.

10 (3) ~~complete~~ Complete a scope of practice performance evaluation that uses performance measures
11 based on the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective educational objectives set forth in Rule ~~.0501(b)~~
12 .0501 of this Section and that is consistent with their level of application, and approved by the
13 OEMS. This scope of practice evaluation shall be completed no more than one year prior to
14 examination. This evaluation shall be conducted by a Level I or Level II EMS Instructor credentialed
15 at or above the level of application or under the direction of the primary credentialed EMS instructor
16 or educational medical advisor for the approved educational program.

17 (4) ~~within~~ Within 90 days from their course graded date as reflected in the OEMS credentialing
18 database, complete a written examination administered by the OEMS. If the applicant fails to
19 register and complete a written examination within the ~~90-day~~ 90-day period, the applicant shall
20 obtain a letter of authorization to continue eligibility for testing from his or her EMS Educational
21 Institution's program coordinator to qualify for an extension of the ~~90-day~~ 90-day requirement set
22 forth in this Paragraph. If the EMS Educational Institution's program coordinator declines to provide
23 a letter of authorization, the applicant shall be disqualified from completing the credentialing
24 process. Following a review of the applicant's specific circumstances, OEMS staff will determine,
25 based on professional judgment, if the applicant qualifies for EMS credentialing eligibility. The
26 OEMS shall notify the applicant in writing within 10 business days of the decision.

27 (A) a maximum of three attempts within ~~nine~~ six months shall be allowed.

28 (B) ~~if the individual fails to pass a written examination, the individual may continue eligibility~~
29 ~~for examination for an additional three attempts within the following nine months by~~
30 ~~submitting to the OEMS evidence the individual repeated a course specific scope of~~
31 ~~practice evaluation as set forth in Subparagraph (a)(3) of this Rule, and evidence of~~
32 ~~completion of a refresher course as set forth in Rule .0513 of this Section for the level of~~
33 ~~application; or~~

34 (C)~~(B)~~ if unable to pass the written examination requirement after ~~six attempts~~ three attempts,
35 ~~within an 18 period following course grading date as reflected in the OEMS credentialing~~
36 ~~database~~, the educational program shall become invalid and the individual may only

1 become eligible for credentialing by repeating the requirements set forth in Rule .0501 of
2 this Section.

3 (5) ~~submit~~ Submit to a criminal background history check as set forth in Rule .0511 of this Section.

4 (6) ~~submit~~ Submit evidence of completion of all court conditions resulting from any misdemeanor or
5 felony conviction(s).

6 (b) An individual seeking credentialing as an EMR, EMT, ~~AEMT~~ AEMT, or Paramedic may qualify for initial
7 credentialing under the legal recognition option set forth in G.S. 131E-159(c).

8 (1) Individuals possessing a credential for less than two years being used for the level of application
9 shall complete a written examination administered by the OEMS as set forth in this Rule.

10 (2) Individuals seeking credentialing as an AEMT or Paramedic shall submit documentation that the
11 credential being used for application is from a CAAHEP Accredited program.

12 (c) In order to be credentialed by the OEMS as an EMD, individuals shall:

13 (1) be at least 18 years of age;

14 (2) complete the educational requirements set forth in Rule ~~.0501(e)~~ .0501 of this Section;

15 (3) complete, within one year prior to application, an AHA CPR course or a course determined by the
16 OEMS to be equivalent to the AHA CPR course, including infant, child, and adult CPR;

17 (4) submit to a criminal background history check as defined in Rule .0511 of this Section;

18 (5) submit evidence of completion of all court conditions resulting from any misdemeanor or felony
19 conviction(s); and

20 (6) possess an EMD nationally recognized credential pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(d).

21 (d) Pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(h), the Department shall not issue an EMS credential for any person listed on the
22 Department of Public Safety, Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry, or who was convicted of an offense that
23 would have required registration if committed at a time when registration would have been required by law.

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28 *Amended Eff. January 1, 2009;*

29 *Readopted Eff. January 1, ~~2017~~. 2017;*

30 *Amended Eff. July 1, 2021.*