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The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) is an independent state agency responsible for coordination and oversight of the State's emergency medical services (EMS) system under the direction of the State EMS Board that is appointed by the Governor. The State EMS Board, through MIEMSS, licenses / certifies EMS providers in Maryland, including Emergency Medical Dispatchers (EMDs), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Cardiac Rescue Technicians (CRTs) and Paramedics. EMS providers in Maryland and most states practice under physician supervision.¹

The Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013, effective July 1, 2013, expedites licensing for U.S. Armed Forces service members seeking Maryland licensure or certification.

- MIEMSS has implemented procedures to credit appropriate training and education for service members who are seeking Maryland licensure / certification as EMTs, CRTs, or Paramedics and to expedite licensure / certification as below.
- MIEMSS accepts registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)² as the equivalent of licensure / certification by another state which significantly expedites obtaining Maryland licensure / certification. The U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force require their medics to be NREMT-registered. Individuals who have previously attained NREMT registration, but whose NREMT has expired, may be eligible for NREMT reinstatement.
- Procedures for an active duty service member of the U.S. Armed Forces, a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces, or the National Guard of any state who seeks Maryland licensure or certification are:
 - For EMT certification:
 - Submit an application to MIEMSS along with a copy of their current NREMT registration or certification as an

¹ The necessary physician supervision over the treatment delegated to EMS providers requires that EMS providers render care either according to approved statewide written protocols or through "medical control," i.e., radio or telephone linkage with a physician while care is being rendered. Physician supervision is also provided by the EMS Operational Program that each EMS provider must be affiliated with; each of those Programs has a Medical Director. The Medical Director and Program together credential (authorize) the EMS provider to practice.

² National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is an independent, nongovernment organization that provides standardized national testing and registration for emergency medical technicians based on national training standards.

- EMT, Cardiac Rescue Technician or Paramedic in another state;
 - Be affiliated with an EMS Operational Program;
 - Successfully complete a 12-hour skills refresher program or a protocol and system orientation that includes a skills check-off by the EMS Operational Program.
 - For Cardiac Rescue Technician (CRT) licensure:
 - Submit an application to MIEMSS along with a copy of current NREMT registration as an EMT-I/99³;
 - Be affiliated with an EMS Operational Program; and
 - Successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session and pass a written protocol exam (which may be taken at one of MIEMSS' regional offices or at MIEMSS headquarters).
 - For Paramedic licensure:
 - Submit an application to MIEMSS along with copy of current NREMT registration as a Paramedic;
 - Be affiliated with an EMS Operational Program
 - Successfully complete a Maryland protocol review session and pass a written protocol exam (which may be taken at one of MIEMSS' regional offices or at MIEMSS headquarters).
- Certain service members may not be NREMT-registered, e.g., U.S. Navy corpsmen. For these individuals, MIEMSS: (1) identifies creditable training that they have already completed, (2) determines which training requirements the individual is able to “test-out,” and (3) only requires further training where previous training has been insufficient to meet State standards. This process allows these personnel to meet the State requirement of completing an EMS course without having to take a full course and then to qualify to test for State licensure/ certification.
 - Emergency Medical Dispatchers are also not NREMT-registered. For these service members, MIEMSS: (1) identifies creditable experience and training they have already received / completed, (2) determines any further training / experience needed, (3) requires successful completion of a written EMD examination and, within the previous 18 months, a CPR course.

Service members who seek Maryland licensure / certification as an EMD, EMT, CRT or Paramedic, and who have never been NREMT-registered, or whose NREMT registration has expired, should contact:

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³ “EMT-I/99” is the national equivalent to the Maryland CRT. After December 31, 2013, NREMT will no longer provide national certification for this level of EMS Provider.