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**EMT Student/Candidates – Under Age 18**  
**Candidates Under Age 18 at the time of Course Completion**

This document explains the procedures for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) students / candidates under age 18 at the time of course completion to complete education requirements and to test the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) for the cognitive examination portion of the Maryland certification process at the BLS level. For candidates under age 18 at time of course completion, the NREMT examination is referred to as “Assessment-EMT.”

**NOTE:**

- **NREMT will not provide NREMT certification to an EMT candidate under the age of 18; however, NREMT administers the examination (which is called “Assessment-EMT” for those under age 18) that is required for Maryland EMT Certification.**
  - Once the under-18 candidate passes the examination, there is no further requirement to obtain and maintain NREMT certification in order to remain Maryland certified.
1. **Enroll in an EMS-Board approved BLS Educational Program.**
  2. **No later than 2 weeks after the EMT educational course begins, the BLS Educational Program will provide the EMT student/candidate with directions on how to create an account on the NREMT website and apply for NREMT Assessment-EMT testing.**
    - Students/candidates are responsible for completing and submitting an on-line testing application to NREMT. Applications should be submitted to NREMT as soon as possible after the course begins to allow the NREMT sufficient time for processing. Student/candidates should periodically check their NREMT profile to view updates on NREMT’s dashboard.
  3. **Upon successful completion of the EMT educational course, the BLS Educational Program will notify MIEMSS, and MIEMSS will verify through the NREMT website that the student has completed the course. This information will post to the student/candidate’s dashboard.**

4. The EMT student/candidate is now eligible to complete the practical/psychomotor evaluation administered by the MIEMSS. The EMT student/candidate will submit to MIEMSS an application for Maryland certification and completed internship forms. Student/candidates who have a valid affiliation with a Maryland EMS Operational Program<sup>1</sup> should also submit a completed Affiliation Verification form<sup>2</sup>. These forms must be submitted to MIEMSS no later than the time of the practical/psychomotor evaluation.
5. Upon successful completion of the practical/psychomotor evaluation, MIEMSS will notify the NREMT.
  - For candidates with a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation, MIEMSS will also notify the NREMT that MIEMSS will pay for the first NREMT Assessment-EMT examination attempt<sup>3</sup>.
  - For candidates without a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation<sup>3</sup>, the student/candidate must pay for the NREMT Assessment-EMT examination.
6. For candidates with a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation<sup>3</sup>, the NREMT will post an Authorization to Test notice (ATT) to the candidate's dashboard.
7. For candidates without a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation<sup>3</sup>, the NREMT will require payment from the candidate before posting an Authorization to Test notice to the candidate's dashboard.
8. Following receipt of the ATT letter, the EMT student/candidate will schedule a time to take the Assessment-EMT test. The ATT letter from the NREMT will describe the process for scheduling the cognitive exam through Pearson VUE, and the NREMT website links to the Pearson Vue testing site where a time can be scheduled. A list of the Maryland testing sites is attached.

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<sup>1</sup> An EMS Operational Program includes a public safety or volunteer fire / rescue company or department.

<sup>2</sup> Affiliation with a Maryland EMS Operational Program is not required to test; however, affiliation is required in order for MIEMSS to pay for the test.

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9. The NREMT will notify both the EMT student/candidate and MIEMSS of the testing results. Upon receipt of notification:
- MIEMSS will issue a Maryland EMT Certification card to successful candidates with a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation.
  - MIEMSS will issue a pending affiliation letter to successful candidates without a valid Maryland EMS Operational Program affiliation. Once a valid affiliation application is received, MIEMSS will issue Maryland EMT Certification card to that candidate.
10. The NREMT will not issue an NREMT card to successful candidates under 18 years of age; however, those candidates may be eligible to apply for NREMT certification once they reach 18 years of age.

NOTE: Once the under-18 candidate passes the examination, there is no further requirement to obtain and maintain NREMT certification in order to remain Maryland certified.