

1 10A NCAC 13P .0502 is readopted with changes as published in 30:24 NCR, pp. 2558-2606, as follows:

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

5 (a) In order to be credentialed by the OEMS as an MR, EMR, EMT, ~~EMT-I, EMT-P, AEMT,~~ or EMD, or
6 Paramedic, individuals shall:

- 7 (1) ~~Be~~ be at least 18 years of age. An examination may be taken at age 17; however, the EMS
8 credential shall not be issued until the applicant has reached the age of 18.
- 9 (2) ~~Successfully~~ complete an approved educational program as set forth in Rule .0501(b) of this
10 Section for their level of application. ~~If the educational program was completed over one year~~
11 ~~prior to application, applicants shall submit evidence of completion of continuing education during~~
12 ~~the past year. This continuing education shall be based on the educational objectives in Rule~~
13 ~~.0501(c) of this Section consistent with their level of application and approved by the OEMS.~~
- 14 (3) ~~Successfully~~ complete a scope of practice performance evaluation ~~which~~ that uses performance
15 measures based on the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective educational objectives set forth in
16 Rule .0501(b) of this Section and ~~which are~~ that is consistent with their level of ~~application~~
17 application, and approved by the OEMS. This scope of practice evaluation shall be completed no
18 more than one year prior to examination. This evaluation shall be conducted ~~under the direction of~~
19 ~~the educational medical advisor or~~ by a Level I or Level II EMS Instructor credentialed at or
20 above the level of application ~~and designated by the educational medical advisor, and may be~~
21 ~~included within the educational program or conducted separately. If the evaluation was completed~~
22 ~~over one year prior to application, applicants must repeat the evaluation and submit evidence of~~
23 ~~successful completion during the previous year. or under the direction of the primary credentialed~~
24 EMS instructor or educational medical advisor for the approved educational program.
- 25 (4) ~~Successfully~~ within 90 days from their course graded date as reflected in the OEMS credentialing
26 database, ~~complete [the first attempt to pass]~~ complete a written examination administered by the
27 ~~OEMS or a written examination approved by OEMS as [determined by OEMS staff in their~~
28 ~~professional judgement to be]~~ equivalent to the examination administered by OEMS. If the
29 applicant fails to register and complete a written examination within the 90 day period, the
30 applicant shall obtain a letter of authorization to continue eligibility for testing from his or her
31 EMS Educational Institution's program coordinator to qualify for an extension of the 90 day
32 requirement set forth in this Paragraph. If the EMS Educational Institution's program coordinator
33 declines to provide a letter of authorization, the applicant [is] shall be disqualified from
34 completing the credentialing process. Following a review of the applicant's specific
35 circumstances, OEMS staff will determine, based on professional judgment, if the applicant [may
36 qualify] qualifies for EMS credentialing eligibility. The OEMS [will] shall notify the applicant in
37 writing within 10 business days of the decision.

1 (A) ~~[A]~~ a maximum of three attempts within nine months shall be allowed.

2 (B) ~~[If]~~ if the individual fails to pass a written examination, the individual may continue
3 eligibility for examination for an additional three attempts within the following nine
4 months by submitting to the OEMS evidence the individual ~~[has]~~ repeated a ~~[course~~
5 ~~specific]~~ course-specific scope of practice evaluation as set forth in Paragraph (a)(3) of
6 this Rule, and evidence of completion of a refresher course as set forth in Rule .0513 of
7 this Section for the level of application; or

8 (C) ~~[If]~~ if unable to ~~[complete]~~ pass the written examination requirement after six attempts
9 within an 18 month period following course grading date as reflected in the OEMS
10 credentialing database, the educational program ~~[becomes]~~ shall become invalid and the
11 individual may only become eligible for credentialing by repeating the requirements set
12 forth in Rule .0501 of this Section.

13 (5) submit to a criminal background history check ~~[pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(g)]~~ as set forth in Rule
14 .0511 of this Section.

15 (6) submit evidence of completion of all court conditions resulting from any misdemeanor or felony
16 conviction(s).

17 (b) ~~EMD applicants shall successfully complete, within one year prior to application, an AHA CPR course or a~~
18 ~~course determined by the OEMS to be equivalent to the AHA CPR course, including infant, child, and adult CPR.~~
19 An individual seeking credentialing as an EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic may qualify for initial credentialing
20 under the legal recognition option set forth in G.S. 131E-159(c).

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

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

23 (2) complete the educational requirements set forth in Rule .0501(c) of this Section;

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

26 (4) submit to a criminal background history check ~~[pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(g)]~~ as defined in Rule
27 .0511 of this Section;

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

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

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

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