



Information Sheet

This Information Sheet assists EMTs and Paramedics (EMT-P) when applying for Certification and Accreditation in the City and County of San Francisco. Please refer to the EMT and EMT-P Applications found on our website at www.sfdph.org under Emergency Medical Services Agency, for a list of requirements.

- An EMT Certification Card issued by the San Francisco EMS Agency can be used in any California county.
- EMTs possessing an Out-of-State EMT Certification follow the Initial Applicant Requirements and provide a copy of a current Out-of-State EMT Certificate.
- Current or former members of the military with medical training, interested in becoming an EMT in California, must possess a National Registry Card and Certificate, and follow the Initial Applicant Requirements. More information is available at: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Veteran_Pathways_to_EMS_Certification_and_Licensure
- NREMT is required for all Initial EMT Applicants. If you only possess an NREMT, follow the Initial Applicant Requirements. The National Registry can be contacted by phone at 614-888-4484 or www.nremt.org.
- EMTs may renew by completing an approved 24-hour EMT Refresher Course or by completion of the required Continuing Education Unit (CEU) hours. A local approved CE provider is recognized by: "California EMS CE Provider # ____ - ____" on the CE Certificate and course brochures. Courses and CE providers approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Pre-hospital Continuing Education are approved for use in California. College and University courses in physical, social, or behavior sciences need to be reviewed by the EMS Agency Medical Director. A California EMS CE Provider offering Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), physical therapy, chiropractic, physician, or other health professional continuing education, may be used to recertify your EMT certificate. For approved continuing education providers and courses: <http://www2.emsa.ca.gov/ShowTraining/TrainingPrograms/GroupByTrainingProgramsTable.aspx>
- Live Scan fingerprinting can only be completed using the EMS Agency Form. Prior to being fingerprinted, ensure the fingerprint technician enters all the information from the Form into the Live Scan or you will return to have your prints re-taken. After being fingerprinted the technician will complete the bottom of the Form. Retrieve a copy of the completed Form and submit it with your EMT Application. The applicant is responsible for Live Scan costs and which varies depending on location.
- Disclosure of your Social Security Number is mandatory. Public Law 94-455 (42 USCA 405(c)(2)(C)) authorizes collection of your SSN. If you fail to disclose your SSN your EMT Application will be denied.
- Incomplete applications are not accepted and will be returned.
- **Applications for EMT and EMT-P are not accepted via FAX.**

Certifications can be reached by email at emsacertifications@sfdph.org or by telephone at 415-487-5000, for additional information or questions.