

PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION/CONTINUOUS ACCREDITATION

INITIAL ACCREDITATION

A. To be eligible for accreditation in Marin County an individual must:

1. Provide evidence of possession of a valid California paramedic license .
2. Provide proof of employment with an approved Marin paramedic service provider.
3. Apply to Marin County EMS Agency. Application includes the following:
 - a. Completion of application form which includes a statement that the individual is not precluded from accreditation for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code.
 - b. Payment as per fee schedule.
4. Provide proof of completing an approved Marin County EMS System orientation not to exceed eight (8) hours.
5. Permit verification of status with other certifying or accrediting agencies.
6. Complete a written Protocol Test with 80% accuracy.

B. Accreditation procedure

1. The Marin County EMS Agency shall accredit the individual to practice in Marin County. Accreditation to practice shall be continuous as long as State of California paramedic licensure is maintained and local requirements are met. The paramedic may practice immediately in the basic scope of practice up to 30 days when working as a second paramedic during the accreditation process.
2. The paramedic will be issued a sticker which will be attached to the upper front right corner of the state-issued paramedic license. Additionally the paramedic accreditation number will match the state-issued paramedic number and shall start with the letter "M", i.e., M00000. The new sticker will be issued at the completion of initial or continuous accreditation application for each paramedic. -
3. Marin County EMS Agency shall notify individuals applying for accreditation of the decision to accredit within thirty (30) days of application. If requested by the applicant accreditation may be extended at the discretion of the EMS Agency.

MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS ACCREDITATION

A. Accreditation is continuous when the following requirements are met:

1. The paramedic shall submit:
 - a. An application form
 - b. Proof of licensure renewal
 - c. Proof of completion of the most recent annual Policy and Procedure Update
2. Employment with a approved paramedic service provider within the local jurisdiction. Employer shall notify Marin County EMS Agency within ten (10) days of paramedic leaving employment.

B. Inactive Accreditation

1. Accreditation becomes inactive if one or more of the following occur:

- a. Paramedic is not currently employed by an approved Marin County paramedic service provider, OR
 - b. Paramedic has not met the local requirements for continued accreditation as listed above and is less than one year into the new licensure period, OR
 - c. Paramedic license has expired OR
 - d. Application for continuous accreditation has not been submitted to Marin County EMS Agency.
2. Accreditation will be continued if, prior to 180 days into the new licensure period:
 - a. Paramedic presents a copy of the new/current license.
 - b. Paramedic presents proof of completion of the most recent annual Policy and Procedure Update Training.
 - c. A letter confirming employment is received by Marin County EMS Agency, if applicable.
- C. Lapsed accreditation
1. If accreditation becomes inactive for any reason and is not continued prior to 180 days into the new licensure period, the paramedic must provide proof of completion of most recent annual Policy and Procedure update.
 2. If accreditation becomes inactive for greater than one year the paramedic must complete the initial accreditation process.