

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
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EMT Course Completion by Challenge Examination		304
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- I. PURPOSE: To identify the procedure for certification of the Emergency Medical Technician by challenge examination.
- II. AUTHORITY: California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Division 9, Article 1, Sections 100066, 100078 – and Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.107, 1797.170, 1797.208 and 1797.210.
- III. POLICY:
 - A. General Eligibility

An individual may obtain an EMT course completion record from an approved EMT training program by successfully passing by pre-established standards, developed and/or approved by the Ventura County EMS Agency in accordance with Section 100066 of the California Code of Regulations, a course challenge examination if s/he meets the following eligibility requirements:

 1. Have successfully completed *both cognitive and skills testing* from a Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider level CPR course, which is consistent with the current American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), within the previous two (2) years; AND,
 2. Be a currently Licensed Physician, Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, or Vocational Nurse; OR,
 3. The individual provides documented evidence of having successfully completed an emergency medical service training program of the Armed Forces of the United States within the preceding two (2) years that meets

the U.S. DOT National EMS Education Standards (DOT HS 811 077A, January 2009). Upon review of documentation, the EMT certifying entity may also allow an individual to challenge if the individual was active in the last two (2) years in a prehospital emergency medical classification of the Armed Services of the United States, which does not have formal recertification requirements. These individuals may be required to take a refresher course or complete CE courses as a condition of certification.

B. Challenge Process

1. An approved EMT training program shall have a defined process for any EMT challenge request/application and shall offer the EMT challenge skills and written examination in conjunction with regularly scheduled testing times.
2. The course challenge examination shall consist of a competency based written and skills examination (National Registry) to test knowledge of the topics and skills per CCR 100078.
3. An eligible individual shall be permitted to take the EMT course challenge examination only one (1) time.
 - a. An individual who fails to achieve a passing score on the EMT course challenge examination shall successfully complete an EMT course to receive an EMT course completion record.
 - b. Upon successful completion of the written and skills challenge examination, the challenge applicant will be eligible to take the National Registry written examination.
4. Proof of successful completion of the National Registry written and skills examination will make the applicant eligible to apply for EMT certification in California, in accordance with VCEMS Policy 301 – EMT Certification.