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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN LICENSING Continuing Education Requirements

Approved: 
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The *Emergency Medical Technicians Act*, Section 7.(2), requires that an EMT shall comply with continuing education requirements prescribed by the regulations. The Regulations, Section 4.(1) further requires that an EMT who holds a license shall earn at least 20 continuing education units within each two-year period defined by the Board, subject to pro-rata.
- 1.2 The purpose of this policy is to set out the course subjects approved by the Board as defined by Section 4.(4) of the Regulations.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be earned as follows:
 - A) One (1) CEU per hour of attendance for the successful completion of a course, or a component of a course (either in person or online), approved by the Board;
 - B) Two (2) CEUs per hour of instruction for instructing a course approved by the Board;
 - C) Two (2) CEUs for acting as a preceptor to a student or another EMT for 1 to 3 months.
 - D) Four (4) CEUs for acting as a preceptor to a student or another EMT for more than 3 months.
 - E) A maximum of four (4) CEUs may be earned for the successful instruction of courses in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and defibrillation.
 - F) A maximum of two (2) CEUs may be earned for group/peer education study related activities. A complete list of journal articles reviewed and of participants attending must be submitted.
 - G) Each CEU earned may only be counted towards the requirements once.

H) CEUs may not be earned for completion of minimum competency requirements (ie. CPR for all license levels, ACLS for EMT-II and EMT-III levels).

2.2 An EMT who has been licensed less than two years preceding an application for the renewal of license will have the CEU requirements pro-rated based on the length of time his/her existing license has been held.

2.3 The Board may approve a course in any of the following subject areas:

- A) Professional Responsibilities;
- B) Communication;
- C) Health and Safety;
- D) Assessment and Diagnostics;
- E) Therapeutics;
- F) Integration;
- G) Transportation;
- H) Health Promotion and Public Safety.

2.3.1 Requests for additional courses to be considered for CEU approval can be submitted in writing to the Board (via the Director of Emergency Health and Planning Services) for review.

2.4 **An EMT who holds a license shall keep a complete and accurate record of CEUs earned, including supporting documentation from the course provider/coordinator which confirms: (i) course dates, (ii) completion status, (iii) course coordinator / instructor, and (iv) the total number of hours completed. Supporting documentation shall be submitted to the Board with license application.**

2.6 The following list includes courses approved by the Board for CEUs:

Courses:

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS);
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS);
- Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) / Communication Officer Training;
- Transferring / Lifting / Repositioning (TLR);
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP);
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS);
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS);
- Difficult Airway – EMS and Emergency Courses;
- H2s Alive;
- Confined Spaces, Confined Spaces Awareness and Rescue;
- Fall Protection;
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS);
- Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG);
- Defensive Driving, Safe and Defensive Driving Practices;
- Vehicle / Rescue Extrication;
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention;
- Hazardous Materials and Items (HAZMAT);
- Emergency Management Training:
 - Exercise Design 100 (EXD 100);
 - Incident Command System 100 (ICS 100);
 - Basic Emergency Management (BEM);
 - Emergency Operations Centre (EOC);
 - Exercise Design 200 (EXD 200);
 - Emergency Public Information (EPI);
 - Incident Command System 200 (ICS 200);
 - Incident Command System 300 (ICS 300);
 - Incident Command System 400 (ICS 400);
- Electrical Safety;
- University of Prince Edward Island Paramedicine Program
- Online Courses:
 - MasterYourMedics;
 - 24-7 EMS Now;
 - Global Risk Innovations – EMS Courses;
 - 10-8 CME.

Other Approved Training /Workshops / Conferences:

- Aboriginal and Indigenous Awareness;
- Medical Investigation and Examination;
- Alcohol & Drug Awareness / Substance Abuse Awareness;
- Arc Flash and Shock Awareness;
- Back Safety;
- Bloodborne Pathogens / Exposure in the Workplace;

- Infection Control / Hand Hygiene;
- Dealing with Difficult Conversations / Effective Communication;
- Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative and End-of-Life Care (LEAP for Paramedics);
- Winter Driving;
- Respiratory Protection: PPE Workplace Safety;
- Workplace Harassment and Violence Prevention;
- Critical Incident Stress and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness;
- Arrhythmia Interpretation;
- Emergency Respiratory;
- Health Related Forensic and Legal Matters;
- Trauma Interventions;
- Coronary Care and 12L ECG Interpretation;
- Health Assessment;
- Advanced Care Planning;
- Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation;
- Intravenous Infusion Therapy and Pharmacology workshops;
- LifeFlight Landing Zone Officer (LZO) / Helipad Training
- Conferences:
 - PAPEI Annual Paramedic Symposium;
 - PAPEI Breaking Barriers Sessions;
 - Paramedicine Across Canada Expo (PACE);
 - Atlantic Trauma and Emergency Medicine Conference;
 - EHS NS Annual EMS Research Day; and
 - Interdisciplinary conferences approved by another regulated health profession for continuing education.
- Other:
 - Island EMS Inc. Inservice Training Sessions (No Orientations);
 - Collaborative Emergency Center Training;
 - Emergency Management (ICS) Table Top Exercises;
 - Mortality and Morbidity Sessions;
 - Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees;
 - Instructing CPR in Schools.

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