



**REGION 11
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM
POLICY**

Title: EMT and Paramedic Testing
Section: EMS Education
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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EMT AND PARAMEDIC TESTING

I. EMT AND PARAMEDIC TESTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. All candidates shall hold a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate and be 18 years of age or older to be licensed.
- B. After completion of an approved education program and a recommendation to test by the EMS MD or designee, candidates shall take the NREMT cognitive examination, and an EMS System approved psychomotor examination.
- C. Candidates qualifying for licensure examinations may register for examinations through the NREMT. Application information may be found on the NREMT website. All candidates for licensure examinations shall be approved by the EMS System. Candidates shall register to take a licensure examination within 90 days after course completion, including all clinical and field requirements.
- D. A failure rate per course of 30 percent or greater on the licensure examination will subject the particular education program to review by the EMS System or IDPH.
- E. Candidates shall follow the NREMT policy for initial licensure examination within 12 months after initial authorizations to test.