



**REGION 11  
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM  
POLICY**

Title: Evaluation and Recognition of Military Experience and Education
Section: EMS Personnel
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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## **EVALUATION AND RECOGNITION OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To evaluate EMS Personnel licensure applications for honorably discharged members of the armed forces and ensure that a candidate's military emergency medical training, emergency medical curriculum completed, and clinical experience are recognized.

### **II. POLICY**

- A. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will review applications for EMS Personnel licensure from honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the United States with military emergency medical training.
- B. IDPH will provide application forms. Applications shall be filed with IDPH within one year after military discharge and shall contain the following:
  1. Documentation that the application is being filed within one year after military discharge;
  2. Proof of successful completion of military emergency medical training or National Registry certification;
  3. A detailed description of the emergency medical curriculum completed, including official documentation demonstrating basic coursework and curriculum; and
  4. A detailed description and official documentation of the applicant's clinical experience or current National Registry certification.
- C. IDPH may request additional and clarifying information and supporting documentation, if necessary, to verify the information provided above.
- D. IDPH shall evaluate the application, including the applicant's training and experience, and ensure that it is consistent with IDPH Standards, to determine if the applicant qualifies for the licensure level for which the applicant has applied.
- E. If the application clearly demonstrates that the training and experience meets IDPH Standards, IDPH shall offer the applicant the opportunity to complete a Department-approved EMS Personnel examination for the license level that the applicant is qualified.
- F. Upon the applicant's passage of an examination and having paid all required fees, IDPH shall issue a license that shall be subject to all provisions of the EMS Act and the level of EMS Personnel license issued.