

Taking the NREMT Computer Based Exam

Exam Prerequisite

In order to take the NREMT computer based exam, you must have completed an approved EMT Training Program within the previous 12 months. If it has been longer than 12 months you must complete a new National Registry Skills Verification exam. If your California EMT certificate as expired for more than 12 months, you must complete a 24-hour Refresher class and complete a National Registry Skills Verification exam.

When Exams are Offered

NREMT computer based exams are offered in Redding at the Pearson-Vue testing center, www.vue.com. Exams are offered at other locations around the state and in other states. Test times vary by test site but are usually weekdays and Saturdays. The fee to take an exam is \$70.00. Check with the National Registry for the latest fee information – www.nremt.org.

Studying for the exam

Below are several of the available study resources. These can be found through Amazon, on the web or through your local bookstore. These can be especially helpful if you are retaking the exam. Our recommendation is to get a book that asks questions and then gives the answers with the rationale. The National Registry suggests the following:

- *EMT- Basic Self-Assessment Exam Prep Review Manual* – ISBN 0131097326-Brady
- *SUCCESS! For the EMT, 2nd. Edition*, ISBN 0132253968 -Brady
- *EMT-Basic Pearls of Wisdom* – ISBN 9780763742270 – Jones and Bartlett Publishers
- Online practice exams: www.bradybooks.com Click on *Test Prep and Review* and select *EMT Achieve*. Approximately \$13.00 for 4 exams.

Registering for the exam

Registering the exam involves several steps:

1. Go to www.nremt.org Click on *Login* and then *Set Up a New Account*. Then login and set up your personalized account information. Record your username and password, and your assigned NREMT Candidate ID number. You can pay your \$70.00 application fee online at the same time. If you do not have a credit card, you can pay by mail – but this will delay you taking the exam.
2. Upon completion of your EMT class, including the written and skills exam, your school's program director will login to www.nremt.org and grant you "authorization to test." This authorization can only be done if you have first set up your personal NREMT account.
3. You can check you status by logging back into your account at www.nremt.org (click on *Candidate Services* and then *Check Application Status*). If your program director has given you authorization, the information on your written and practical skills exam and CPR will now show. If authorization has not been granted, you need to check with your program director.
4. When authorized, you will receive an email or letter with information on the next step.
5. You will go to www.vue.com and click on *Take a Test*, then scroll down and select *National Registry of EMTs*. Click on *Create a Web Account* to set up your personal account. Record

your information. You need your previously issued NREMT Candidate Id number for this step. Once verified, you can select a test center and set up a date and time to test.

Come Prepared

Plan on arriving 30 minutes before for your exam. Individuals arriving late will not be allowed to test and will be required to reschedule. Be sure to bring your photo ID.

Rescheduling an Exam

If you cannot make your exam date and time, it is your responsibility to reschedule through www.vue.com Failure to show up for your exam or to reschedule at least 24-hours before the scheduled date and time will require another application and another payment. No refunds are issued.

Getting the results

The results of your exam will be available the next day at www.nremt.org. You will be mailed a copy of your results, and your NREMT certificate and wallet card in about 10-14 days.

Retaking the Exam

If you fail the exam, you can reschedule a new test date and time. You will have to wait two weeks to retest. You will have to again go to www.nremt.org to pay for fee and www.vue.com to schedule another exam.

Candidates failing the exam are allowed six opportunities to complete the examination. If at any time before you pass the exam, it has been longer than one year since completing your EMT program, you must complete a new Skills Verification exam. To take the exam a fourth time, you must complete a 24-hour refresher class. This allows you to take the exam three more times. If you have not passed the exam after six attempts, the entire EMT program must be repeated.

Certifying with Nor-Cal EMS

The final step to becoming an EMT in California is to complete the local certification process. Please visit our website www.norcalems.org for all the information and forms needed to apply for certification.

Questions about the NREMT exam?

Please contact the National Registry at (614)560-4726 or visit their website at www.nremt.org