

How to Maintain EMT Certifications or Attain Reciprocity

National Registry and Virginia have an agreement that states if a provider has met Virginia recertification standards, they can be recertified for National Registry. The number of CE credits that can be earned online (distributive) and counted toward recertification is unlimited in Virginia. That means that National Registry will allow the identical process for distributive learning.

National Registry is a 2-year certification, whereas Virginia has 4-years (BLS) and 3-years ALS certifications. Therefore, it is important to manually recertify your Virginia certification after 2 years, in order to keep the CE report reflective of what is needed for NREMT.

Virginia Recertification Process

NCCR (Cat 1) – Only 5 General Areas: Airway, Cardiovascular, Trauma, Medical and Operations. Unlike NREMT, there are not specific breakdowns that are necessary in each area. Any NCCR CE that exceeds the required amount will roll into LCCR/ICCR. (Category 2/3).

LCCR/ICCR (Cat 2/3) – No specific areas are needed. Anything that does not fall into NCCR or is in excess of NCCR will apply to this category.

BLS CE Hours

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/04/TR-53-BLS-CE-worksheet Revised 04.04.2017.pdf>

ALS CE Hours

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/04/TR-67-ALS-CE-worksheet Revised 04.04.2017.pdf>

VAOEMS NREMT Quick Guide to Recertification

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2016/05/QuickGuide-CompletingNationalRegistryRecertificationApplication.pdf>

1. Once all CE hours for Virginia are complete, go into your VAOEMS Portal and print off a copy of your CE Report and retain for records.
2. Log into your NREMT account and follow VAOEMS Quick Guide to enter in CE. DO NOT ENTER individual hours.
3. Once you have recertified NREMT, go into VAOEMS Portal at the end of the NREMT certifying month and go into My Tests/Eligibility → Eligibility Letter → check box “Recertify Me”. This will reset your CE with VAOEMS and generate a new VA certification card.

For further information:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/how-to-maintain-your-ems-certification/>

VA Regulations 12VAC5-31-1401 – General recertification requirements

How to Obtain CE Hours

Central Virginia Regional Options

UVA Prehospital: www.uvaprehospital.com

AEMT classes (providers of all levels can sit in on classes) – Contact Office

UVA Life Support Learning Center

<https://www.medicalcenter.virginia.edu/lslc>

Classes Offered – ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, AMLS, Peds ITLS

Allowable NCCR (Cat 1 hours) for badge classes

Thomas Jefferson EMS Council (TJEMS)

<http://www.tjems.org>

Central Shenandoah EMS Council (CSEMS)

<https://www.csems.org/>

Old Dominion EMS Council (ODEMSA)

<http://odemsa.vaems.org/>

BLS Auxiliary CE Summary:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/07/TR-69A-Auxiliary-Program-CE-Summary-BLS-Levels-07-01-2017.pdf>

ALS Auxiliary CE Summary:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/23/2017/07/TR-68A-Auxiliary-Program-CE-Summary-ALS-Levels-07-01-2017.pdf>

VAOEMS Symposium

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/ems-symposium/>

Web-Based Continuing Education

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/provider-resources/web-based-continuing-education/>

Please keep this in mind:

Based upon an agreement between National Registry and Virginia, the number of CE credits that can be earned online and counted toward recertification is unlimited.