



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Topic: Recertification changes implemented by the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT)

Audience: EMS Agencies, Medical Directors, Training Programs and EMCT's who maintain NREMT certification

Background: The NREMT has changed their recertification process. The new system called "The National Continued Competency Program" or NCCP replaces the current DOT recertification process, reduces the number of CE hours required by NREMT to recertify, and empowers EMS agencies, medical directors, regions, and states to be involved in selecting the topics to be covered in the recertification process.

Start Date: EMS Agencies and training programs may implement NCCP for their NREMT staff now

Discussion: The *national* component of the NCCP will constitute 50% of requirements at each level. Topics will be updated every four years and will reflect current trends in evidence-based medicine, scope of practice changes and position papers from numerous associations involved with EMS research.

It will also serve to focus on those patient presentations that have a low frequency but high criticality.

The *local* component of the NCCP will constitute 25% of requirements at each level. The requirement for these hours will be decided by local entities, including the state, region or agency. These topics can include, but are not limited to, state or local protocol changes, tasks that require remediation based on QA/QI and topics chosen from run reviews. This allows for recertification content that is targeted to the needs of the state and local agencies.

NREMT NCCP Hour Requirements by Level (Every 2 Years)				
	<i>National</i> (50%)	<i>Local</i> (25%)	<i>Individual</i> (25%)	Total Hours
Paramedic	30	15	15	60
AEMT	25	12.5	12.5	50
EMT	20	10	10	40
EMR	8	4	4	16

The *individual* component of the NCCP will constitute last 25% of recertification requirements at each level. Within this component, an individual is free to take any EMS-related education.

Please note: Arizona rules requires five hours of pediatric content for the EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic levels, which would fall into the Local (25%) field found above. The balance of the *local* content will be determined by the administrative medical director, regional and state committees. For more information on the NREMT NCCP Program, please visit: https://www.nremt.org/nremt/EMTServices/nccp_info.asp.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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