



Taking or Retaking the NREMT Computer Based Exam

San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services

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National Registry Testing

Starting January 1, 2006 nationwide all National Registry Testing for EMT-1's will be computer based. If you test or retest after January 1, 2007, you will need to follow the directions below to complete the National Registry Test process.

Exam Prerequisite

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

When Exams are Offered

NREMT computer based exams are offered at three Bay Area Pearson-Vue test centers: Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco. Exams are offered at other locations around the state and in other states. Exam test times vary by test site but are usually weekdays and Saturdays. The fee to take an exam is \$70.00. Contact information is available at www.nremt.org

Registering for the Exam

Registering for 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 your 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 your 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 early for the exam. Persons arriving late will not be allowed to take the exam and will have to reschedule. Be sure to bring a photo identification.

Rescheduling an Exam

If you cannot make your scheduled 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.

Exam Information

The computer based NREMT exam consists of multiple-choice questions taken from the 1994 National Standard EMT-Basic Curriculum. A passing score is 70 percent.

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.

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. Several titles include 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.

Retaking the Exam

If you fail the exam, you can reschedule a new test date and time. You have to wait two weeks to retest. You will have to again have to go to www.nremt.org to pay your fee and www.vue.com to schedule another exam. You will **not** need to be re-authorized by your program director prior to retaking the exam if you test within a year of completing your program.

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 San Mateo County EMS

The final step to becoming an EMT in California is to complete the local certification process. You can certify with any EMS agency in California. The San Mateo County EMS Agency web site at www.smhealth.org/ems has all information and forms online. Click on *EMT Certification*. A copy of your NREMT card must be submitted with your San Mateo County EMT Certification Application. Please note that you must obtain a background as a part of the certification process. Turnaround time is usually less than a week once all the requirements are met.

Questions

If you have additional questions about NREMT process please visit their web site at www.nremt.org and go to the section on Computerized Testing. You can contact our office for information about certification, or if you have unanswered questions about the testing process at (650) 573-2564.