



Iowa Department of Public Health
Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services

EMS Providers Seeking Iowa EMS Certification

Individuals who hold a valid EMS certification issued by another state and seeking an Iowa EMS certification must also possess a valid National Registry of EMT (NREMT) certification before applying for Iowa EMS certification. Iowa utilizes the NREMT certification as the minimum certification requirements for the EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic. Individuals must possess a valid Iowa EMS certification in order to provide emergency medical care in Iowa.

Individuals without a NREMT Certification

Individuals wishing to obtain an Iowa EMS certification and who do not possess a valid NREMT certification should contact the NREMT and follow their guidance on how to obtain NREMT certification. The NREMT can be contacted by phone at 614-888-4484 or by email at: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/dashboard/contact>.

Individuals with a Valid NREMT Certification

Individuals who possess a valid NREMT certification at the level, or higher, of Iowa EMS certification being requested should contact the Bureau's office and request an Iowa EMS Certification packet. The pack will contain the following:

- Iowa EMS Certification Based on NREMT Certification Application
- Instructions for creating an individual online Iowa EMS registry profile in AMANDA
- Criminal background check letter
- Waiver Agreement, Noncriminal Justice Applicant's Privacy Rights and Statement for National Criminal History Check
- State of Iowa Criminal History Record Check
- Two (2) FD-258 Fingerprints Card (contact local law enforcement office for assistance in obtaining fingerprints)

Applicants must create an individual profile in AMANDA, submit all completed documents, and pay all applicable fees before the Bureau can process the application request.

To request an Iowa EMS certification packet or if you have additional questions regarding certification as an Iowa EMS provider please contact our Bureau at:

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