

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS)

2025 EMS Clinician Continuing Education (CE) Renewal Requirements

Special Note: KBEMS will continue to accept both the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) [2016 & 2025](#) models through December 31, 2025. On January 1, 2026, KBEMS will only accept the [NREMT NCCP 2025 model](#). Only the National Component is required by KBEMS (EMR – 8 hours, EMT – 20 hours, AEMT – 25 hours, and Paramedic – 30 hours). See specific model for required topics and topic hours.

CE used for a renewal cycle must be taken during the current renewal cycle (issue date to expiration date on KBEMS issued certification / license card) This card can be found in the document section of your KEMSIS account. A course completion certificate from a KBEMS approved education entity is required for proof of course completion. No other documents will be accepted as proof of course completion. Although a CE provider or approver may categorize the CE courses, it is the EMS clinician's responsibility to ensure the appropriate categorization of CE.

Below is a list of KBEMS approved education entities:

- [KBEMS certified EMS-TEIs](#)
- The American Academy of Family Physicians
- The Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education ([CAPCE](#))
 - Courses taken on-line must be CAPCE accredited if not taken through a KBEMS approved education entity
 - [On-line CE refresher course options](#)
- Kentucky Board of Nursing
- Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
- Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care
- Kentucky National Guard
- US Department of Homeland Security and all appendant components (e.g. FEMA)
- US Fire Administration and all department components
- Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training
- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Courses approved by any [NREMT State](#)

Required for all certification / licensure levels (EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic)

1. Proof of completing HIV/AIDS training required by [KRS 311A.120](#) (Proof of course completion one time since obtaining KBEMS certification or licensure) Free KBEMS approved [on-line HIV/AIDS course](#).
2. Proof of completing Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma required by [KRS 311A.120](#). (Proof of course completion at least one (1) time every two (2) year renewal cycle.) Free KBEMS approved [on-line Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma \(PAHT\) course](#).
3. Proof of completing Awareness of Sexual Violence training required by [KRS 311A.120](#). (Proof of course completion at least one (1) time every two (2) year renewal cycle.) Free KBEMS approved [on-line Awareness of Sexual Violence \(ASV\) training](#).

****And below certification or license level currently held****

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) ([202 KAR 7:201 Emergency Medical Responders](#)) See Section 3. Renewal of Certification and Continuing Education Requirements

- Proof of current certification by the [NREMT as an Emergency Medical Responder](#).
- OR
- Proof of successful completion of the [NREMT Emergency Medical Responder \(EMR\) National Component of the Continued Competency Program \(NCCP\)](#) for Continuing Education (CE) (Totals 8 Hours of CE), which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct CE pursuant to [202 KAR 7:601](#).
- NREMT NCCP Local, State, and Individual Component: Not required by KBEMS

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) ([202 KAR 7:301 Emergency Medical Technician](#)) See Section 3. Renewal of Certification and Continuing Education Requirements

- Proof of current certification by the [NREMT as an Emergency Medical Technician](#).
- OR
- Proof of successful completion of the [NREMT Emergency Medical Technician \(EMT\) National Component of the Continued Competency Program \(NCCP\)](#) for Continuing Education (CE) (Totals 20 Hours of CE), which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct CE pursuant to [202 KAR 7:601](#).
- NREMT NCCP Local, State, and Individual Component: Not required by KBEMS

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) ([202 KAR 7:330 Advanced Emergency Medical Technician](#)) See Section 3. Renewal of Certification and Continuing Education Requirements

- Proof of current certification by the [NREMT as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician](#).

OR

- Proof of successful completion of the [NREMT Advanced Emergency Medical Technician \(AEMT\) National Component of the Continued Competency Program](#) (NCCP) for Continuing Education (CE) (Totals 25 Hours of CE), which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct CE pursuant to [202 KAR 7:601](#).
- NREMT NCCP Local, State, and Individual Component: Not required by KBEMS

Paramedic ([202 KAR 7:401 Paramedics](#)) See Section 3. Renewal of Certification and Continuing Education Requirements

- Proof of current certification by the [NREMT as a Paramedic](#).

OR

- Proof of successful completion of the [NREMT Paramedic National Component of the Continued Competency Program](#) (NCCP) for Continuing Education (CE) (Totals 30 Hours of CE), which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct CE pursuant to [202 KAR 7:601](#).
- NREMT NCCP Local, State, and Individual Component: Not required by KBEMS

Paramedic - Critical Care Endorsement ([202 KAR 7:401 Paramedic.](#)) See section 12. Critical Care Endorsement

- The critical care endorsement shall be valid if the paramedic maintains current licensure as a paramedic by the board.

[202 KAR 7:401](#), Section 12, **(4)** Notwithstanding subsections (1) of this section, applications for critical care endorsements shall no longer be accepted after June 30, 2025. **(5)** Notwithstanding subsections (1) through (3) of this section, on and after January 1, 2027, critical care endorsements shall not be valid. Paramedics wishing to provide critical care on and after January 1, 2027, shall obtain an advanced practice paramedic license and certification as a critical care paramedic in accordance with [202 KAR 7:410](#).

Special Note for Paramedic – (Critical Care Endorsement):

All existing KBEMS paramedic “Critical Care Endorsement” credentials will expire on January 1, 2027. Paramedics who have the Critical Care Endorsement will have the opportunity to transition to "Advanced Practice Paramedic – Critical Care Paramedic" without needing to obtain IBSC-issued CCP-C certification.

All paramedics with a sunseting Critical Care Endorsement will be notified through KEMSIS via email in January 2026, when the transition application becomes available. Once available, all transition applications must be completed by September 30, 2026. (You will remain as a "Paramedic" if you choose not to submit the transition application.)

EMS Educator Certification ([202 KAR 7:601. Training, education, and continuing education.](#)) See section 17. Renewal of EMS Educator Certification

- Proof of maintaining a state (KBEMS) certification or licensure as an EMS provider (EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) or as a Registered Nurse (RN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician (DO or MD), or Physician Assistant (PA) at a level equal to or greater than the level at which they are certified as an EMS educator.

Advanced Practice Paramedic – Community Paramedic ([202 KAR7:410.](#)) See section 2, (2)
Community Paramedic Renewal

- Maintain current KBEMS license as a paramedic by meeting the requirements for paramedic license renewal in accordance with [202 KAR 7:401](#). See section 3.
- Current certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a [community paramedic](#) (CP-C)

OR

- Proof of successful completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education in the [International Board of Specialty Certification \(IBSC\) Community Paramedic Content Outline](#) topic areas. The hours obtained must be placed into the following subject areas unique to the community paramedicine:
 - Community Based Needs
 - Multidisciplinary Collaboration
 - Patient/Client Centric Care
 - Community Paramedic Wellness and Safety
 - Preventative Care & Education for Patient/Client & Caregiver
 - Ethical and Legal Considerations
- The hours may be obtained in any category in any combination outlined in topic areas.

Advanced Practice Paramedic – Wilderness Paramedic (202 KAR7:410.) See section 3, (2)
Wilderness Paramedic Renewal

- Maintain current KBEMS license as a paramedic by meeting the requirements for paramedic license renewal in accordance with [202 KAR 7:401](#). See section 3.
- Current certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a [wilderness paramedic](#) (WP-C)

OR

- Proof of successful completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education in the [International Board of Specialty Certification \(IBSC\) Wilderness Paramedic Content Outline](#) topic areas. The hours obtained must be placed into the following subject areas unique to the wilderness paramedicine:
 - Medical Mission Planning
 - General Medical
 - Environmental Factors
 - Patient Management
 - Prolonged Care
 - Rescue Interface
 - Communication
 - Professional Considerations
- The hours may be obtained in any category in any combination outlined in topic areas.

Advanced Practice Paramedic – Critical Care Paramedic (202 KAR7:410.) See section 4, (2)
Critical Care Paramedic Renewal

- Maintain current KBEMS license as a paramedic by meeting the requirements for paramedic license renewal in accordance with [202 KAR 7:401](#). See section 3.
- Current certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a [critical care paramedic](#) (CCP-C)

OR

- Proof of successful completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education in the [International Board of Specialty Certification \(IBSC\) Critical Care Paramedic Content Outline](#) topic areas. The hours obtained must be placed into the following subject areas unique to the critical care paramedicine:
 - Transport and Safety
 - Airway, Anesthesia, and Analgesics
 - Medical
 - Trauma/Burn Patient
 - Special Populations
- The hours may be obtained in any category in any combination outlined in topic areas.

Advanced Practice Paramedic – Flight Paramedic ([202 KAR7:410.](#)) See section 5, (2) Flight Paramedic Renewal

- Maintain current KBEMS license as a paramedic by meeting the requirements for paramedic license renewal in accordance with [202 KAR 7:401](#). See section 3.
- Current certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a [flight paramedic](#) (FP-C)

OR

- Proof of successful completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education in the [International Board of Specialty Certification \(IBSC\) Flight Paramedic Content Outline](#) topic areas. The hours obtained must be placed into the following subject areas unique to the flight paramedicine:
 - Safety and Transport
 - Flight Physiology
 - Airway, Anesthesia, and Analgesics
 - Medical Emergencies
 - Neurological
 - Cardiac
 - Trauma/Burn
 - Maternal Fetal and Neonatal
 - Pediatric
 - Professional Considerations
- The hours may be obtained in any category in any combination outlined in topic areas.

Advanced Practice Paramedic – Tactical Paramedic ([202 KAR7:410.](#)) See section 6, (2) Tactical Paramedic Renewal

- Maintain current KBEMS license as a paramedic by meeting the requirements for paramedic license renewal in accordance with [202 KAR 7:401](#). See section 3.
- Current certification by the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) as a [tactical paramedic](#) (TP-C)

OR

- Proof of successful completion of at least fifty (50) hours of continuing education in the [International Board of Specialty Certification \(IBSC\) Tactical Paramedic Content Outline](#) topic areas. The hours obtained must be placed into the following subject areas unique to the tactical paramedicine:
 - Tactical Casualty Care (TECC/TCCC) Methodology
 - Tactical Operations
 - Planning
 - Specialized Medical Care
 - Environmental Factors
 - Hazardous Materials Management
- The hours may be obtained in any category in any combination outlined in topic areas.