

## Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (202 KAR 7:201)

**Recertification requirements for Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Certification include the following:**

- Maintain current Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) certification as an EMR by meeting the requirements for EMR renewal in accordance with 202 KAR 7:201. See section 3. Complete the required continuing education (CE) credits.

### **Required Emergency Medical Responder Continuing Education**

- 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 HIV/AIDS Education for EMS Providers course.
- Proof of completing Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma (PAHT) required by KRS 311A.120. (Proof of course completion at least one (1) time every two (2) year renewal cycle) Free KBEMS approved Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma course.
- Proof of completing Sexual Violence Awareness Training (SVAT) required by KRS 311A.120. (Proof of course completion at least one (1) time every two (2) year renewal cycle) Free KBEMS approved Sexual Violence Awareness Training course.

**-AND-**

**(One of the below options)**

- Proof of current certification by the NREMT as an Emergency Medical Responder.

**-OR-**

- Proof of successful completion of the NREMT EMR National Component of the Continued Competency Program (NCCP) for CE (**Totals 8 Hours of CE**), which shall be validated by entities authorized to conduct CE pursuant to 202 KAR 7:601.
- ***Special Note:*** NREMT NCCP 4-hour “State/Local” and 4-hour “Individual” components **are not required** by KBEMS.

**The hours obtained must be placed in the following subject areas unique to the EMR:**

**2025 (8 hour) NCCP Model for EMR**

Level	Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Total
<b>EMR</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8 hours</b>

- 10% (1 hour) of the CE must be in **pediatric content**.

**General Continuing Education Guidelines**

- The CE credits submitted must be from KBEMS-approved continuing education entities:
  - KBEMS-[Approved CE Entities](#)
  - KBEMS-certified EMS-TEI [Directory](#)
- **CE for the EMR must be directly related to the knowledge, skill, or abilities in providing clinical patient care in the field of emergency medical services.**
  - National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards - [Emergency Medical Responder Instructional Guidelines](#).
  - KBEMS Emergency Medical Responder Scope of Practice – [Psychomotor Skill Set](#)
  - [202 KAR 7:701](#) Scope of Practice Matters, Section 1. Emergency Medical Responder
- [202 KAR 7:601](#). Training, education, and continuing education, Section 13. Continuing Education, (2) Continuing education courses shall:
  - (a) Contain material relevant to the job specifications and professional development of EMS personnel; and
  - (b) **Be conducted at an EMS level appropriate for the discipline of the participants.**
- The measurement of contact hours in which one contact hour equals 50 minutes of actual educational materials.
- For CE credits to be applicable for renewal, they must have occurred during the renewal license cycle (**between the issue and expiration date**). The issue and expiration dates can be found on your current KBEMS certification / license card or in your [KEMSIS](#) portal under your name.
  - CE credits obtained outside of this timeframe **will not** be accepted.

- Although an EMS education entity (KBEMS-approved EMS training center) may categorize the CE courses, it is the responsibility of the EMS clinician (EMR) to properly identify the number and category of required CE hours submitted to KBEMS.
  - KBEMS will make the final determination as to the number and category of required CE hours including the acceptability of each submission.
- 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.
  - **Sign in sheets are not accepted as proof of course completion.**
- 100% of CE can be taken online. See Online [refresher course options](#).
- [202 KAR 7:201](#), Section 3, (4) requires EMRs selected for a CE audit to submit proof of completing required CE within 10 business days of receipt of the board's request using the board approved process (CE Audit KEMSIS application).
- [202 KAR 7:201](#), Section 3, (5) requires EMRs to maintain documentation of all CE for three (3) years from the date of completion.

**Non-Acceptable Sources of Continuing Education**

- CE from an education entity **not approved** by the board. [See list of board-approved CE entities.](#)
- Academic course work not clinically or professionally related (e.g. English literature)
- Taking the same course twice during the same renewal cycle. This is considered a duplicate course.
- Clinical rotations that are not part of an EMS Education Program.
- Instructor courses
  - This includes all courses to become an instructor, instructor methodologies, and courses to achieve instructor-level certifications.
- Management / leadership courses
  - This includes business management and leadership, Fire/EMS administrative courses.

- Performance of duties / volunteer time with EMS agencies
  - This includes paid or volunteer working or duty hours for any organization, agency, or medical facility.
- Preceptor hours
  - This includes courses to become a preceptor or preceptor methodologies.
- Serving as skill / lab examiner
  - This includes skills examiner, acting as a patient, or proctor for psychomotor or skills competency assessments or examinations.

**Acceptable Sources of Continuing Education**

- Approved EMS education entities (EMS-TEIs) are those groups that approve and certify CE while certified educators (Instructors) are those responsible for the development and/or delivery of the EMS continuing education.
  - For example, an EMS service, fire department, college, university, or a hospital that is not an approved education entity may conduct an EMS CE course on behalf of a KBEMS-approved EMS education entity with a memorandum of understanding (MOU). (This course would need to meet [202 KAR 7:601](#). Training, education, and continuing education regulations.)
  - In this case, the course completion certificate would need to be issued by the KBEMS-approved EMS education entity not the entity conducting the course. [See list of KBEMS-approved CE entities](#).
- CE certificates received from approved EMS education entities shall have all the essential information needed to ensure content validity.
  - [202 KAR 7:601](#). Training, education, and continuing education, Section 13. Continuing Education, (3) EMS-TEIs that provide continuing education shall provide course completion documentation by hardcopy or electronically to all participants that successfully complete the continuing education course. The course completion documentation shall contain at a minimum the following items:
    - (a) Official name of the EMS-TEI as listed in the EMS-TEI KEMSIS account and certification number of the EMS-TEI issued by the board;
    - (b) Name of primary instructor and state EMS office EMS provider number;

(c) Name of course;

(d) Breakdown of completed hours and subject categories instructed that meet the continuing education requirements established by 202 KAR 7:201, 202 KAR 7:301, 202 KAR 7:330, 202 KAR 7:401, and 202 KAR 7:410.

(e) Signature of one (1) of the following EMS-TEI representatives:

1. Director;

2. Course coordinator; or

3. Course instructor

- Courses taken online that are approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE).
- Academic/College courses must be from an accredited college, university, or vocational school and must relate to your role as an EMS Professional.
  - The course syllabus description must explain why and/or how the course can be directly related to the knowledge, skills, or abilities in providing clinical patient care in the field of emergency medical services.
  - Official transcript and/or course completion certificate from KBEMS-certified EMS-TEI is required for proof of course completion.
    - To validate a transcript, it must contain a list of courses, dates of completion, course name, and grade indicating proof of successful completion.
  - A grade of a C or better must be obtained for usage from an accredited institution.
  - One (1) academic credit equals 10 continuing education credits.

### **Delivering Presentations or Teaching Related Courses**

- Each lecture may be used only once during the renewal period.
- Each lecture must be a minimum of 50 minutes in length.
- The lecture must be presented through a KBEMS-approved EMS education entity.
- The category will be determined by the content.
- Submit course schedule outlining areas taught and how many hours. This must be on the organization's letterhead and contains the contact information for the course administrator or a course completion certificate.

**Publications and item writing**

- Publications must be related to the EMS profession and of educational value with acceptable references.
- Item writing must be related to the EMS profession for publication and/or examinations.

**For additional information please review:**

[202 KAR 7:201](#) EMR

[202 KAR 7:601](#) Training, education, and continuing education

[202 KAR 7:701](#) Scope of practice matters

KBEMS EMR to Paramedic [Scope of Practice](#)

KBEMS [Protocols](#)

KBEMS Certification/Licensure [Checklists](#)

EMS Service and Training Center [Directories](#)

National Registry of EMTs ([NREMT](#))

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