

EMT-I Certification

How do I become an EMT-I?

To become an EMT-I, you will first need to attend and complete an [EMT-I training program](#). Then, you will need to pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) [computer-based exam](#). Lastly, you will need to apply for your certification. For Los Angeles County applicants, forms and instructions for certification can be found [here](#).

Does the EMS Agency hold EMT-I classes?

The EMS Agency does not hold EMT-I classes. You will need to attend an approved [EMT-I Training Programs](#).

New Applicants to Los Angeles County: How do I get certified?

Initial EMT license (no previous certification)

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- EMT-Basic course completion certificate
- Current NREMT-Basic card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training
- Department of Justice Live Scan for criminal background clearance
- Driver's license
- Certification Application
- 1 passport-sized photo
- \$30 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

Out-of-County EMT recertification license (first time with LA County)

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- Most recent out-of-county EMT-I card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training
- Proof of 24 hours of continuing education
- Skills Competency Verification Exam
- Department of Justice Live Scan for criminal background clearance
- Driver's license
- Certification Application
- 1 passport-sized photo
- \$30 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

Note: For applicants with an EMT-I certificate that has expired for more than 6 months, but less than one year, you will need to complete 36 hours of continuing education. For applicants with an EMT-I certificate that has expired for more than one year but less than two years, you will need to complete 48 hours of continuing education and obtain a current NREMT-Basic card.

Out-of-State EMT license (first time with LA County)

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- Most recent out-of-state EMT-I card

- Current NREMT-Basic card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training
- Department of Justice Live Scan for criminal background clearance
- Driver's license
- Certification Application
- 1 passport-sized photo
- \$30 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

Previously Certified EMTs from Los Angeles County: How do I re-certify?

If your certification has expired for less than 6 months:

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- Current EMT-I card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training (if not on file with LA County EMS Agency)
- Proof of 24 hours of continuing education
- Skills Competency Verification Exam
- Driver's license
- Certification Application
- \$20 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

If your certification has expired for between 6 months and 1 year:

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- Most recent EMT-I card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training (if not on file with LA County EMS Agency)
- Proof of 36 hours of continuing education
- Skills Competency Verification Exam
- Driver's license
- Certification Application
- \$20 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

If your certification has expired for between 1-2 years:

Submit copies of the following documents to the LA County EMS Agency for processing:

- Most recent EMT-I card
- Current NREMT-Basic card
- Current CPR for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuers card (front and back)
- Proof of LA County EMT-I Expanded Scope of Practice and AED training (if not on file with LA County EMS Agency)
- Proof of 48 hours of continuing education
- Skills Competency Verification Exam
- Driver's license

- Certification Application
- \$20 fee in cash, cashiers check or money order. (Personal checks will take an extra 30 days for processing)

If your certification has expired two years or more, you must retake an entire EMT-Basic course and meet all NREMT and local requirements.

Will I have to take the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) exam?

A current NREMT-Basic card is required for initial certification but not recertification if you recertify within one year of expiration.

How do I take the NREMT test?

Instructions for completing the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians computer-based exam can be found [here](#).

Can the EMS Agency perform live scans? Where do I go for a live scan?

No, the EMS Agency cannot perform live scans but the complete list of live scan facilities can be found [here](#). Fees may vary. Please print out [this form](#) with LA County EMS Agency's contact information and bring it with you to the live scan agency.

If I had a live scan done for a different company, do I have to complete a live scan again?

Yes, you will need to complete a live scan specifically for the Los Angeles County EMS Agency since Department of Justice information cannot be shared between agencies.

How to I complete Continuing Education?

Continuing education must be taken from an approved prehospital EMS CE provider or EMT-I training program that has an EMS CE provider number. Examples of CE include: classes, conferences, organized field care audits, online and media-based productions. A list of local continuing education programs can be found [here](#). Acceptable online CE websites include: Ce3000.com, eminet.com, ems-ceu.com, healthstream.com, www.healthcareceonline.com, www.emcert.com, www.ems-ce.com.

What is the skills competency verification exam?

Every two years, you must obtain a skills competency verification exam. Proof of successful completion must be submitted with your application. This can be done through a refresher course from an approved EMT-I training program or from an approved EMS CE provider. A list of approved skills competency verification programs can be found [here](#).

Do we have information about EMT-I certification for neighboring counties?

[Kern County](#): 661-868-5200

[Orange County](#): 714-834-3500

[Riverside County](#): 951-358-5029

[San Diego](#): 619-285-6429

[Santa Barbara County](#): 805-681-5274

[Ventura County](#): 805-981-5301

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING EMT-I CERTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT ALISSA MORALES AT: alimorales@dhs.lacounty.gov or 562-347-1632.