

Mission Statement

Emergency Medical Services mission is to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations which foster and encourage the development of quality pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services for the citizens of the state; and to work with the statewide trauma system to provide appropriate and immediate care to trauma victims.

The Section:

- ◆ Licenses and inspects ambulance services for proper equipment, drug control, medical direction and protocols.
- ◆ Reviews curriculum materials and course outlines for training sites and continuing education units.
- ◆ Tests Emergency Medical Services Providers' skills and knowledge using the Arkansas/National Registry written and practical skills examination.
- ◆ Investigates complaints concerning pre-hospital emergency care.
- ◆ Provides technical assistance to hospitals, emergency medical service providers, local governments and others interested in emergency care.
- ◆ Works with the Injury Prevention Branch to coordinate updated trauma training for all EMS providers.



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LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

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Licensure Standards

Arkansas **Paramedic** renewal is required every two (2) years in order to ensure EMSP's maintain the ability, skills and knowledge needed to properly perform pre-hospital medical patient care. It is based on a combination of training programs and testing of critical skills.

The Section of Emergency Medical Services considers renewal of licensure to be an **individual responsibility**.

Do not rely on employers or others to complete your renewal!

If lapsed, individuals will be unable to provide care as EMSPs from their expiration date until they complete the renewal process

EMS-Instructor Renewal

Requirements must be completed to maintain Instructor status but does not affect Arkansas EMSP licensure. An individual can elect to not renew their Instructor status and still maintain their EMSP level.

Licensure Checklist PARAMEDIC

- ___ 1. Completed application at:
<https://aremslicense.adh.arkansas.gov/>
- ___ 2. A \$20.00 check or money order payable to the Arkansas Department of Health OR \$22.00 by Credit/Debit card on-line.
- ___ 3. Upload a copy of your current ACLS & CPR card (front and back with signature).
Must follow current American Heart Association Guidelines and require a hands on skills component.
- ___ 4. Complete a 48 hour transition and 24 additional CE hours.

-OR-

Complete and document 60 hours of Continuing Education following NCCP guidelines.

50% (25 hours) of the CEUs must reflect National Component.

25% (12.5 hours) of the CEUs topics must be decided by local entities.

25% (12.5 hours) of the CEUs the individual is free to choose

-OR-

Current National Registry Card

L A T E Licensure

Renewal will be allowed for those who submit their documentation after their expiration date **IF:**

1. All required educational hours were completed **PRIOR** to the expiration date; and
2. All specific training (i.e. Refresher, CEUs, & CPR) was completed **PRIOR** to the expiration date; and
3. All documentation was submitted **PRIOR** to the next recertification period.

Persons who have **NOT** submitted the documentation **PRIOR** to their expiration date will be considered lapsed **BEGINNING** with the expiration date and will remain lapsed until the paperwork is submitted, reviewed by the Section, meets the above criteria, and documentation of recertification is issued .