

**WAC 246-976-141 To obtain initial EMS provider certification following the successful completion of Washington state approved EMS course.** To apply for initial EMS provider certification following the successful completion of a Washington state approved EMS course, an applicant must submit to the department:

(1) A completed initial certification application on forms provided by the department.

(2) Proof of meeting the requirements identified in Table A of this section.

**Table A  
Applicants Who Have Completed a Washington State Approved EMS Course**

| REQUIREMENTS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>EMS education:</b><br/>Candidate must provide proof of successful EMS course completion from a department-approved EMS training program. For paramedic applicants, this proof must be from a training program accredited by a department-approved national accrediting organization.</p> <p><b>Certification examination:</b><br/>Provide proof of a passing score on the department-approved certification examination for the level of certification. Applicants will have three attempts within twelve months of course completion to pass the examination.<br/>After three unsuccessful attempts, the applicant may retake the initial EMS training course, or within twelve months of the third unsuccessful attempt, complete department-approved refresher training covering airway, medical, pediatric, and trauma topics identified below, and pass the department-approved certification examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMR Not applicable. Must repeat EMR course.</li> <li>• EMT twenty-four hours.</li> <li>• AEMT thirty-six hours - Pharmacology review must be included in the refresher training.</li> <li>• Paramedic forty-eight hours - Pharmacology review must be included in the refresher training.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Certification application:</b><br/>High school diploma or GED: Required for EMT, AEMT and paramedic only.<br/>Provide proof of identity - State or federal photo I.D. (military ID, driver's license, passport).<br/>Provide proof of age - At least eighteen years of age. Variances to this age requirement will not be granted.<br/>Provide proof of EMS agency association - Active membership, paid or volunteer with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensed aid or ambulance service;</li> <li>• Law enforcement agency;</li> <li>• Business with organized industrial safety team;</li> <li>• Senior EMS instructors or training coordinators, teaching at department-approved EMS training programs, who are unable to be associated with approved agencies above.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation of county medical program director - Required. MPD must sign application.<br/>Background check - required. May include requirement for fingerprint card and FBI background check.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.71, 18.73, and 70.168 RCW. WSR 11-07-078, § 246-976-141, filed 3/22/11, effective 5/15/11; WSR 00-08-102, § 246-976-141, filed 4/5/00, effective 5/6/00.]