

**(Effective until September 30, 2024)**

**WAC 246-976-162 The CME method of recertification.** To complete the CME method of recertification, an EMS provider must:

(1) Complete and document the requirements, indicated in Table A of this section, appropriate to the level of certification for each certification period.

**Table A  
Education Requirements for Recertification**

	<b>EMR</b>	<b>EMT</b>	<b>AEMT</b>	<b>Paramedic</b>
<b>Annual Requirements</b>				
Cardiovascular education and training	X	X	X	X
Spinal immobilization	X	X	X	X
Patient assessment	X	X	X	X
<b>Certification Period Requirements</b>				
Infectious disease	X	X	X	X
Trauma	X	X	X	X
Pharmacology		X	X	X
Other pediatric topics	X	X	X	X
Total minimum education hours per certification period:	15 hrs	30 hrs	60 hrs	150 hrs

"X" Indicates an individual must demonstrate knowledge and competency in the topic or skill.

(2) Complete and document the skills maintenance requirements, indicated in Table B of this section, appropriate to the level of certification.

**Table B  
Skills Maintenance Requirements for the CME Method**

	<b>EMR</b>	<b>EMT</b>	<b>AEMT</b>	<b>Paramedic</b>
<b>First Certification Period or Three Years</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First Year</b>				
IV starts		EMT w/IV therapy skill 36	36	36
Endotracheal intubations (4 must be performed on humans)				12
Intraosseous infusion placement		EMT w/IV therapy skill X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Second and Third Years</b>				
IV starts over the two-year period		EMT w/IV therapy skill 72	72	72
Endotracheal intubations over the two-year period (4 per year must be performed on humans)				24
Intraosseous infusion placement		EMT w/IV therapy skill X		
<b>During the Certification Period</b>				
Pediatric airway management				X
Supraglottic airway placement		EMT w/supraglottic airway skill X	X	X
Defibrillation	X	X	X	X
<b>Later Certification Periods</b>				

	EMR	EMT	AEMT	Paramedic
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Annual Requirements</b>				
IV starts		EMT w/IV therapy skill X	X	X
Endotracheal intubations (2 per year must be performed on humans)				4
Intraosseous infusion placement		EMT w/IV therapy skill X	X	X
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>During the Certification Period</b>				
Pediatric airway management				X
Supraglottic airway placement		EMT w/supraglottic airway skill X	X	X
Defibrillation	X	X	X	X

"X" Indicates an individual must demonstrate proficiency of the skill to the satisfaction of the MPD.

(3) An EMS provider must successfully complete department-approved knowledge and practical skill examinations as identified in WAC 246-976-171.

(4) An EMS provider changing from the CME method to the OTEP method must meet all requirements of the OTEP method.

(5) Definitions of selected terms used in Tables A and B of this section:

(a) Cardiovascular education and training for adults, children, and infants includes:

(i) Nationally recognized training programs for CPR, foreign body airway obstruction (FBAO), and defibrillation and patient care appropriate to the level of certification;

(ii) The use of airway adjuncts appropriate to the level of certification;

(iii) The care of cardiac and stroke patients.

(b) Endotracheal intubation: Proficiency includes the verification of proper tube placement and continued placement of the endotracheal tube in the trachea through procedures identified in county MPD protocols.

(c) Infectious disease: Infectious disease training must meet the requirements of chapter 70.24 RCW.

(d) Intraosseous infusion: Proficiency in intraosseous line placement.

(e) IV starts: Proficiency in intravenous catheterization performed on sick, injured, or preoperative adult and pediatric patients. With written authorization of the MPD, IV starts may be performed on artificial training aids.

(f) Supraglottic airway placement: Proficiency includes the verification of tube placement and continued placement of the supraglottic airway, in a skill lab setting, through procedures identified in county MPD protocols.

(g) Other pediatric topics: This includes anatomy and physiology and medical problems including special needs patients appropriate to the level of certification.

(h) Patient assessment: This includes adult, pediatric and geriatric patients appropriate to the level of certification.

(i) Pharmacology: Pharmacology specific to the medications approved by the MPD (not required for EMRs).

(j) Proficiency: Ability to demonstrate and perform all aspects of a skill properly to the satisfaction of the MPD or delegate.

(k) Spinal immobilization and packaging: This includes adult, pediatric, and geriatric patients appropriate to the level of certification

(l) Trauma: For adult, pediatric, and geriatric patients appropriate to the level of certification.

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**WAC 246-976-162 The CME method of recertification.** (1) To complete the CME method of recertification, an EMS provider must complete and document the requirements in WAC 246-976-161 and this section.

(2) The EMS provider must complete requirements appropriate to the level of certification for each certification period and maintain competency in knowledge and skills. The EMS provider must demonstrate competency in knowledge and the ability to perform a skill properly to the satisfaction of the MPD or approved MPD delegate.

(3) An EMS provider who applies for recertification using the CME method must successfully complete department-approved knowledge and any practical skill examinations as identified in WAC 246-976-171.

(4) An EMS provider may transition from the OTEP to the CME method of recertification within their certification period if the provider meets all the following:

(a) Meets all requirements in WAC 246-976-161 by the end of their certification cycle;

(b) Meets all of the requirements in this section by the end of their certification cycle;

(c) Has completed and submitted the department continuing medical education and ongoing training gap tool to the MPD;

(d) Has received an MPD approved education plan to meet any deficiencies; and

(e) Has been approved by the MPD to transition recertification methods.

(5) An EMS provider must transition from OTEP to CME if they are unable to meet the requirements of the OTEP method of recertification.

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