

**WAC 246-976-163 The OTEP method of recertification.** (1) To recertify using the OTEP method, an EMS provider must complete a county MPD and department-approved OTEP that meets requirements in WAC 246-976-026, 246-976-161, and this section. Due to the competency-based nature of OTEP, fewer class hours may be required to complete the requirements than the recommended hours identified in WAC 246-976-161.

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

- (a) Has at least one year remaining in their certification cycle;
- (b) Meets all requirements in WAC 246-976-161 by the end of their certification cycle;
- (c) Meets all of the requirements in this section by the end of their certification cycle;
- (d) Has completed and submitted the department continuing medical education and ongoing training gap tool to the MPD;
- (e) Has received an MPD approved education plan to meet any deficiencies; and
- (f) Has been approved by the MPD to transition recertification methods.

(4) 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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