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OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 22-02

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To: All Emergency Medical Services Instructors

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Re: EMS Instructor Certification by NREMT

[Public Act No. 19-118](#) made changes to the Connecticut General Statutes regarding certification of EMS instructors, including the following section:

[Sec. 20-206mm \(e\) \(c\)](#) ... effective on a date as prescribed by the commissioner, presents documentation satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician or paramedic by the national organization for emergency medical certification.

In accordance with this section of the statutes the following is prescribed:

1. Effective **January 1, 2023**, the Department will require that all applicants for **initial** certification as an EMS instructor must hold current certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) at the level commensurate with their current EMS provider certification as an EMT or AEMT or licensure as a paramedic.
2. Effective **July 1, 2023**, the Department will require that all applicants for **renewal** certification as an EMS instructor must hold current certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) at the level commensurate with their current EMS provider certification as an EMT or AEMT or licensure as a paramedic.
3. Effective **January 1, 2024**, the Department will no longer issue approvals for initial EMS courses (EMR, EMT, AEMT, paramedic) to course coordinators who have not demonstrated current certification by the NREMT.

- a. Courses already approved may continue, however new approvals will not be issued.
- b. Instructors not holding NREMT certification may provide continuing education until the expiration of their EMSI certification.

EMS instructors should not rely on the concept of the Mark King Initiative (MKI) to re-enter the NREMT. The initial request to implement that program was denied by NREMT Board of Directors; implementation of this NREMT certification requirement is part of the move forward to implementing MKI in the future.

Instructors who need to obtain NREMT certification will find information on how to do that by following the links below:

| Level | NREMT Status | Link |
|------------------|--------------|---|
| EMT | Never Held | https://www.nremt.org/Document/EMT-State-Licensed |
| | Expired | https://www.nremt.org/Document/EMT-Re-entry-Pathway |
| AEMT | Never Held | https://www.nremt.org/Document/AEMT-State-Licensed |
| | Expired | https://www.nremt.org/Document/AEMT-Re-entry-Pathway |
| Paramedic | Never Held | https://www.nremt.org/Document/Paramedic-State-Licensed |
| | Expired | https://www.nremt.org/Document/Paramedic-Re-entry-Pathway |

Links are subject to change by NREMT. Note that the requirements to complete NCCR or refresher training during the 24 months prior to obtaining NREMT certification may be met by *attending* or *teaching* in such courses. EMS instructors who hold **EMT** certification should contact OEMS when applying for NREMT certification.