



THE NREMT EMT CANDIDATE MANUAL

OUT-OF-HOSPITAL SCENARIO (OOHS) FORMAT

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INTRODUCTION

This manual is intended to help you prepare for the State of Wisconsin Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) cognitive and psychomotor licensing examinations. It details these examinations and answers some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) testing.

The NREMT uses Computer Based Testing (CBT) as their cognitive examination format. This examination is administered by [Pearson VUE](#), with the option to complete this examination online at [OnVue®](#) computer-based testing services.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services EMS Section (DHS-EMS), which is the agency responsible for licensing EMS personnel in the State of Wisconsin, recognizes this examination process for EMT licensure. Wisconsin does accept licensure from other states through [reciprocal agreements](#). These agreements vary from state to state, so questions regarding reciprocity should be directed to the [DHS-EMS](#) for clarification.

The NREMT psychomotor examination was developed by representatives of state EMS Training Centers, DHS-EMS, Wisconsin Technical College System office (WTCS) and the NREMT. This examination complies with NREMT guidelines and is approved for persons seeking NREMT certification.

The psychomotor examination is designed to provide a fair, valid and reliable evaluation of your ability to function as an EMT. This examination is intended to assure that candidates who successfully complete this examination are competent to provide patient care.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION POLICY (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. However, candidates for EMT program completion or NREMT certification must be able to perform all the duties of an EMT with or without accommodations.

Reasonable Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are determined on a case-by-case basis. Accommodations for program and/or certification examinations will not exempt candidates from performing any skill required to be completed successfully.

WTCS colleges and NREMT offer reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities in both their educational programs, as well as both cognitive and psychomotor NREMT certification examinations. EMS students who received an accommodation during their EMS training program must understand that there is a separate process for requesting an accommodation for the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations. Previous accommodations do not guarantee or imply that an accommodation will be provided for either NREMT certification examination. Information on accommodations from the NREMT can be located at the following link: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/policy-accommodations>.

Each EMS training center should work in cooperation with training center's disabilities coordinator to develop an orientation process where every EMS student is made aware of the functional job description of an EMT upon entering the EMS training program.

The EMS Program Coordinator should understand the information concerning students and the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as the policies and procedures of the EMS training center, to include NREMT examination information on accommodation requests for both the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor certification examinations.

Requesting an Accommodation

Accommodation for either the EMS training program or the NREMT examination should be made to the EMS training center's disabilities coordinator. Applicants with disabilities have the same responsibility to meet the deadlines for application and submission of documentation established for all EMS students. The process involved in establishing eligibility will not impose discriminatory application timelines for applicants with disabilities.

EMS Students with an Approved Accommodation for NREMT Examinations

Those receiving an accommodation through the NREMT for the cognitive examination will receive specific instructions from NREMT as they review and approve accommodation for this examination in conjunction with the Pearson Vue® computer-based testing services.

Those receiving an accommodation through their disabilities coordinator, for the NREMT psychomotor examination, must ensure the NREMT chief examiner receives an approval letter prior to the scheduled examination date. This in turn will be sent to the testing center and the NREMT examiner designee.

NREMT TESTING

- NREMT allows either the psychomotor or [cognitive examination](#) to be taken first.
- [Create a NREMT account](#) with the [NREMT](#)
- An NREMT application is required **prior** to taking [psychomotor](#) or [cognitive](#) examinations.
- You are required to show proof of eligibility by presenting a copy of your NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) letter to participate in the psychomotor exam process
- Registration with an approved Wisconsin testing center and payment of the required fee to the testing center must be completed to participate in an NREMT psychomotor examination
- Registration and payment of the required fees to NREMT must be completed to participate in the NREMT cognitive examination administered by [Pearson VUE](#) or [OnVue®](#)
- Entry into either examination requires pre-registration and payment of fees of any associated fees

Eligibility

- Obtain a Wisconsin EMS Training Center Training Permit for the EMT course you will be testing, to include successful completion of all EMT course requirements.
- You have twenty-four months of eligibility from the course completion date to pass both the cognitive and the psychomotor examination.

NREMT EMT COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

- The State of Wisconsin utilizes the NREMT examination process for both the cognitive and psychomotor examinations.
- Cognitive examination is administered through [Pearson VUE](#) or [OnVue®](#)
- Three (3) attempts are allowed before an EMT refresher course is required.
- Three (3) additional attempts are allowed with successful completion of refresher training.
- Failure of all six (6) attempts will require the completion of a new EMT course.

NREMT PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATION

- Psychomotor examination is administered by NREMT approved testing centers
- Go to [WTCS EMS Webpage](#) to see a current list of exams
- Psychomotor examination consists of three (3) stations – Adult Assessment, Geriatric Assessment and Pediatric Assessment
- Evaluation is done individually at each station with a professional partner as indicated
- Specific instructions will be provided to you at each of the three (3) stations
- Standards of performance are governed by the current State of WI Standards and Procedures Skills Manual.
- Turn-off/silence all electronic devices during the examination
- The use of electronic devices during the examination process is limited to emergencies.

- EMT candidates are allowed three (3) full attempts to pass the psychomotor examination (one "full attempt" is defined as completing all three (3) stations and two retesting opportunities if necessary).
- EMT candidates that leave an NREMT psychomotor examination unexcused and/or before completion of all three (3) stations will be scored as one (1) failed attempt at all three (3) stations regardless of performance.

NREMT PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATION DESCRIPTION

- The psychomotor examination contains three stations: 1 adult, 1 geriatric and 1 pediatric
- Each station must be completed successfully to pass the psychomotor examination

Adult Medical or Trauma Patient Assessment

- Scenario-based/problem-solving station
- Candidate is tested individually with professional partner
- Time limit is twelve (12) minutes
- Selection of a medical or trauma patient is made randomly for each candidate
- Minimum passing score is two in each of the five sections of the scenario

Geriatric Medical or Trauma Patient Assessment

- Scenario-based/problem-solving station
- Candidate is tested individually with professional partner
- Time limit is twelve (12) minutes
- Selection of a medical or trauma patient is made randomly for each candidate
- Minimum passing score is two in each of the five sections of the scenario

Pediatric Medical or Trauma Patient Assessment

- Scenario-based/problem-solving station
- Candidate is tested individually with professional partner
- Time limit is twelve (12) minutes
- Selection of a medical or trauma patient is made randomly for each candidate
- Minimum passing score is two in each of the five sections of the scenario

OUT OF STATE NREMT PSYCHOMOTOR TESTING

Candidates are eligible to take their NREMT psychomotor examination at any NREMT-approved testing center. Candidates are responsible for making all arrangements to participate in an examination, to include, but not limited to contacting the exam host to gain permission, registration and payment of all testing fees and related expenses, familiarization with the testing site-most notably standards for successful examination and specific EMS equipment used for testing at that site. The training center where a candidate's initial EMT course was completed is only responsible for the verification of the candidate's successful course

completion through NREMT. You can find a [listing of State EMS Agency contacts](#) on the NASEMSO website to ensure eligibility.

MINOR NREMT CANDIDATES

- Minor candidate can participate in all phases of the NREMT certification process granted they are eligible to participate as other candidates
- Once minor candidates turn 18, they can apply for their State of Wisconsin EMT license as long as their NREMT certification is current, they possess a current healthcare provider BLS certification, and meet all requirements set out in state statute and administrative rule.

NREMT CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Original Candidates Eligibility for Registration

Candidates are required to be present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled examination times. Candidates must have the following items to be allowed into the examination. A candidate's training center may collect these documents from their own candidates prior to the examination; however, it is ultimately the candidate's responsibility to provide them.

1. State-approved photo identification (current driver's license or photo identification card issued by Wisconsin or another state or United States territory, current United States military identification, or a current United States passport)
2. Completed Psychomotor Examination Results Summary (PERS) Form
3. NREMT Candidate Orientation Form
4. NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
5. NREMT OOHS Candidate Orientation and Exam Station Overview Completion Certificates

Registration of Retesting Candidates

- State-approved photo identification (current driver's license or photo identification card issued by Wisconsin or another state or United States territory, current United States military identification, or a current United States passport)
- Completed Psychomotor Examination Results Summary (PERS) Form
- NREMT Candidate Orientation Form
- NREMT Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
- NREMT OOHS Candidate Orientation and Exam Station Overview Completion Certificates
- Candidates must get approval to retest from the [WTCS EMS Webpage](#) prior to the exam
- Candidates must present their email verifying eligibility to retest from the Wisconsin NREMT EMT Chief Examiner to the exam site

PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Overview

- Be present at the designated time
- Be dressed in appropriate attire for a professional examination
- Bring only the items specified by the testing center

Psychomotor Examination Results

- You will need to complete a “NREMT Psychomotor Examination Results Affirmation Form” provided to you by the Examiner Designee before your results will be provided.
- Examination results are provided by the examiner on the day of exam
- Information received will be a simple pass/fail with no further information given
- Candidates that successfully complete the psychomotor examination will be validated by the chief examiner
- Candidates not successfully completing the psychomotor examination will receive an email notification by the chief examiner to the email address listed in your EMS E Licensing account. Candidates must present their email verifying eligibility to retest from the Wisconsin NREMT EMT Chief Examiner to the exam site

Psychomotor Retesting Options

- A candidate failing one (1) or two (2) psychomotor stations is eligible for a same day retest unless otherwise indicated
- You are not required to participate in same day retest

WI EMT License Application

- Once you have successfully completed both the psychomotor exam and the cognitive exam, **you must apply** to the DHS-EMS Section for a [Wisconsin EMT license](#) by logging into your EMS account, navigating to the “Application” tab and selecting “EMS Initial Practitioner License Application.”

PLEASE NOTE:

Certificates you receive from your training center and/or from NREMT are not licenses and does not entitle you to practice as an EMT in Wisconsin. The website to apply for State of Wisconsin EMT licensure is: <https://www.wi-emss.org/lms/public/portal#/login>

Additionally, you must be affiliated with an EMS Service to practice as an EMT in the State of Wisconsin. Once you have applied for and received your EMT license, you must complete the Local Credential Agreement (LCA) found on the [Wisconsin E Licensing website](#)

Questions about either the cognitive or psychomotor examinations should be directed to the [chief examiner](#).