

Reciprocity Applicants Texas EMS
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Quick steps/checklist for reciprocity:

1. Complete jurisprudence CE.
2. Create account with DSHS.
3. Apply via reciprocity to Texas. (Upload will only accept pdf files less than 5mb; indicate in notes section what the item is. Do not upload copies of State certification, CPR, PALS or ACLS cards.)
4. Send in jurisprudence completion certificate
5. Send off out-of-state verification form.
6. Fingerprint background check (must apply to TX EMS first).
7. Take NR assessment exam (must apply to TX EMS first) only if NR not current. (Notify us once you have requested to take the exam and once you receive your results. NR does not notify us.)

Welcome to Texas EMS, this document will guide you through the application process. EMS in Texas is regulated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). You will find most of the information you need to obtain or maintain EMS certification or licensure on our website.

<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems>

Please review the website below for information on obtaining a certification/license in Texas

TX Reciprocity Information:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/stdrecip.shtm>

(Please submit an EMS application to Texas before completing the background check, applying to NREMT for the assessment exam, or having another State send a verification form to us. If you have not applied to TX, trying to reconcile your information and documents without an application will delay your application.)

Any documents not uploaded with your application may be sent by email to: emscert@dshs.texas.gov

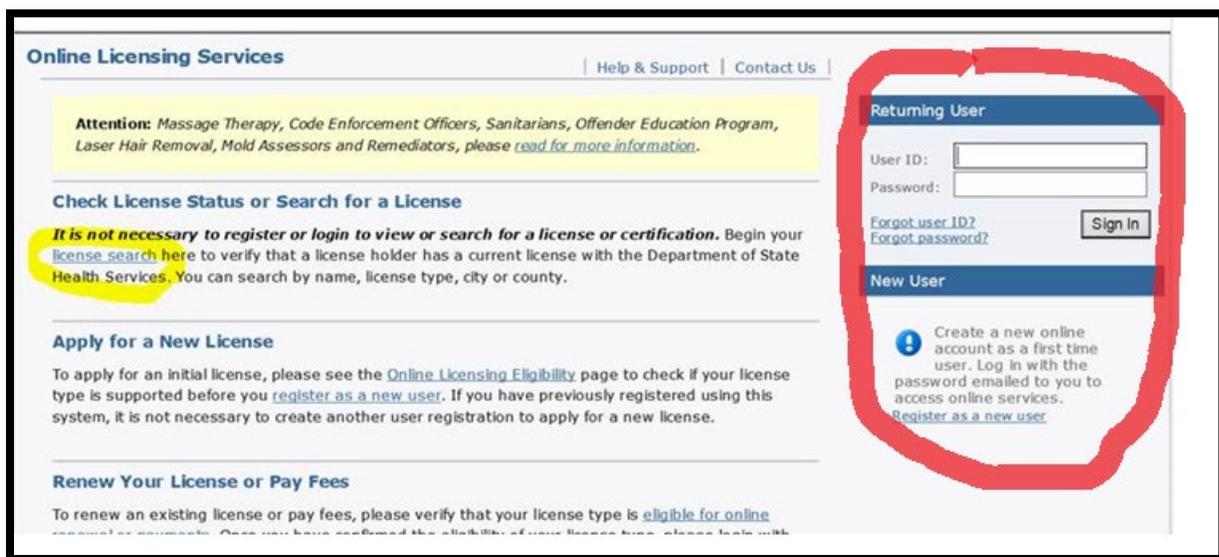
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You would create an account on our system and then apply to Texas. You must have completed the TX jurisprudence CE exam before applying.

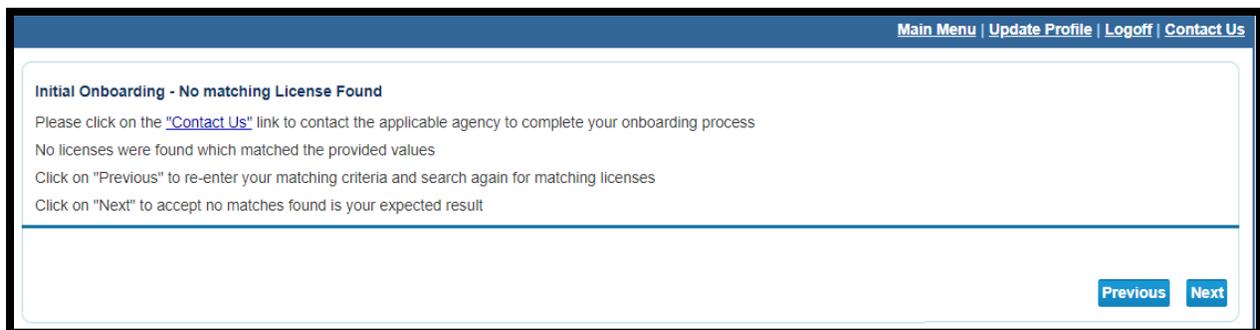
License Search and Log in Website for Online applications:

<https://vo.ras.dshs.state.tx.us/>

Look for Register as a new user to create your account.



Once you have your account created you will be asked to onboard your license. There is nothing to onboard if you don't hold a Texas license.



When you receive this screen choose NEXT to move to the next screen to start your application.

Use the application that indicates:

EMS Personnel Reciprocity and Military Initial Applicants

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Quick Start Menu". It contains instructions for users to start a new application or take an exam. A dropdown menu is open, showing "Emergency Medical Services" as the current selection and "EMS Personnel Reciprocity and Military Initial Application" as the highlighted option. Other options include "Additional Activities", "Asbestos/Demo Notifications", and "Submit an Initial Asbestos/Demo Notification". A "License Information" box in the top right corner indicates "No License Information Available".

When filling out contact information leave the county as out-of-state if you do not reside in Texas

Application Fee \$126 (all levels)

If you're a veteran or active-duty military status a fee waiver allows your fee to be waived if you provide a copy of your military identification or your DD214.

Link to out of State verification form:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/emstraumasystems/EMS/pdf/ReciprocityVerificationFormA.pdf>

Send your verification form to the State that holds your current EMS certification. (If you have never held another States EMS certification, submit a signed and dated statement attesting to this.)

Once you have applied for EMS certification in Texas you need to complete the background check.

If you never held another States EMS certification but took your course in another state you would apply by reciprocity, omit the verification form, but provide a signed and dated statement that you have never held a certification in another state.

Fingerprint background check information:

Texas EMS Service Code # 11BSBH

Scheduling Link:

<https://uenroll.identogo.com/servicecode/11BSBH>

Schedule by telephone 1-888-467-2080

Background check instructions:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/emstraumasystems/EMS/pdf/DPS-CHRI.pdf>

All Identogo Locations including out of state:

<https://www.identogo.com/locations>

If you do not live near an identogo location, you may ask us to send you fingerprint cards by mail. You may then have your local law enforcement agency fingerprint you. Then you may submit the fingerprint card to identogo by mail to complete the background check. That process is described in the background check instruction document.

Request fingerprint cards by sending an email with your name and mailing address requesting fingerprint cards to: emscert@dshs.texas.gov

Jurisprudence Exam CE course

This is a course about Texas EMS laws and rules.

Some examples of online courses include:

CE solutions <https://www.ems-ce.com/>

Joh Puryear CE <https://www.jonpuryear.com/>

A complete list of offerings:

Texas Jurisprudence CE Course offered by the following education programs (downloads a list):

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/emstraumasystems/Compliance/files/EMSJurisprudenceRoster.xlsx>

The Initial EMS application process is a twostep process. The applicant submits an initial application (EMS Personnel Initial or Reciprocity/Military) and once that application is accepted the status changes to approved. The EMS Licensing Unit will pick up that application, open the second step to assign your EMS rank (ECA, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic). Once you clear all the reviews of the second step your EMS certification may be approved, and a certification/license number assigned.

Deficient items and transcripts may be sent to this email address
emscert@dshs.texas.gov

You may email (emscert@dshs.texas.gov) alerting us three days after completing your fingerprint background check or submitting a deficiency for an application follow-up.

For assistance you may contact:

EMS/Trauma Systems Licensing Unit
EMS/Trauma Systems Main Phone: (512) 834-6700
EMS Licensing Voice Mail: (512) 834-6734
emscert@dshs.texas.gov
Fax: (512) 206 -3779



National Registry of EMTs

Register for an Assessment Examination

The National Registry provides an assessment examination for use by State EMS Offices seeking cognitive evaluation of a potential licensee. The assessment exam does not result in National certification. It serves only as an assessment. **Candidates should ONLY apply for an Assessment Examination when advised by their State EMS office.**

Here's how to do it:

To Register for an Assessment Examination:

1. Login with your user name and password.
2. Under "My Current Role," select **Candidate**.

3. Click on **Create Certification Application**

Create Certification Application

Start creating your Certification Application, your first step towards EMS certification!

[Create Certification Application](#)

4. On the following screen you will proceed through an application wizard, in which you will verify several pieces of information and select your application level. Ensure that you pick the appropriate **Assessment** examination, when making your selection. Proceed to the next step in the wizard.

- PROFILE
- PROFESSIONAL BIO
- MY APPLICATIONS >
 - Create Application
 - Application Status / ATTs
 - Psychomotor ATTs
 - ALS Psychomotor Results

Which level of certification are you choosing?

Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)

Paramedic

None - I was instructed to take an Assessment Exam

Only select an Assessment Examination option if you have received specific instructions by your State EMS Office or your Program Director.

Assessment examinations do not result in National EMS Certification!

If you are seeking National Registry certification, choose the appropriate level above.

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5. On the following screen, you will designate the State EMS Office which will verify your application. You will also choose your reason to take the assessment. Complete the attestation and **Submit** your application.

Assessment Exam Application

State Office: Ohio

Reason to Test: Select

Attestation

PREVIOUS NEXT DISCARD SAVE

Reason to Test options:
Select
EMT Instructor Pretest
State Reciprocity
Re-licensure
Quality Assurance/Remediation
Under 18 years old.
Other

For reciprocity applicants to Texas - choose State Reciprocity

6. After submitting, your application simultaneously passes through a National Registry QC process and is forwarded to your State EMS Office for final verification. You can view the status of your application and pay the application fee by selecting **Candidate** under "My Current Role" and clicking **View all Certification Applications**.

Recent Certification Applications

Assessment - Paramedic Assessment Application
STATUS: WAITING FOR NREMT QC
Application Confirmation ID: 2019000002
Application Created: 4/10/2019 12:20 PM (EST)

View All Certification Applications Create Certification Application

7. Once your application has been approved by your State EMS Office and you have submitted payment, you will be granted an Authorization to Test (ATT) letter and a candidate ID which you will use to schedule your examination through Pearson VUE. Check your application page frequently for your ATT letter, as it will not be emailed to you.

For information on how to schedule your examination through Pearson VUE, please visit:
<https://home.pearsonvue.com/nremt>

Congratulations! You have completed all steps necessary to sit for an assessment examination!

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

Main Telephone: 1-614-888-4484

Web site: www.nremt.org ~ <https://www.nremt.org/>

Fax: 1-614-888-8920

support@nremt.org



Reciprocity Verification Form A

State Seal

NAME OF STATE AND AGENCY COMPLETING FORM

EMS OFFICE

#OF PAGES

FAX NUMBER

Date

Applicant'

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Social Security Number

Certificate/License number

CHECK HERE IF YOU RECEIVED YOUR EMS TRAINING IN THE MILITARY, AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION.

State Officials ONLY: Please complete the following and return by mail or fax.

State:

Level of Certification

Issuance Date

Expiration Date

Certification course taught in conformance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Standards for

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) 1994 curriculum	Yes	No	EMT-Intermediate* 1985 curriculum*	Yes	No
EMT-Intermediate 1999 curriculum	Yes	No	EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P)	Yes	No
Advanced EMT	Yes	No			

Date of most recent training

Type of recent training

***For EMT-Intermediate 1985 curriculum ONLY:** If the applicant has EMT-Intermediate (EMT-I) certification please check which skills were included in the applicant's certification course (please note, Texas recognizes EMT-I certification only if ALL skill boxes are checked)

MAST Endotracheal Intubation EOA, EGTA, TLS OR ETC** IV Other

**We will accept any of these alternative airway devices: esophageal obturator airway, esophageal gastric tube airway, pharyngotracheal lumen airway, combination esophageal-tracheal tube (Combitube).

To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

Has your state/entity ever taken disciplinary action against this individual's EMS personnel certification? Yes No

Does your state run Criminal History checks? Yes No

If so, has this person ever answered yes or disclosed a Criminal History? Yes No

(If Yes to any question, please provide supplemental information on a separate sheet)

Has your state/entity ever granted reciprocity to this applicant before? Yes No

If so, from National Registry State When

Do you recommend granting reciprocity to this applicant? Yes No If No, explain on separate sheet.

STATE EMS CERTIFICATION PERSONNEL COMPLETING THIS FORM

Name: Date

Title

Telephone

Number

State Agency

If you have never held an EMS certification and/or license from another State, omit the verification form and submit this signed and dated statement with your application.

Attention: Texas EMS Licensing Unit

Date: _____

I have never held, an EMS certification and/or license issued by another State.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____