

International Policy

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Intent

This policy outlines the ability for the National Registry to consider international programs.

Scope

This policy is for international programs which are outside of the United States or already established federal partnerships.

Definitions

N/A

Policy

The National Registry Board of Directors approved this policy on November 9, 2011, to address the use of the National Registry's national EMS certification on an international basis. The Board determined that decisions regarding use of the National Registry in foreign countries would require a case-by-case decision making process that focused on two important elements. Element one regarded assurance of the education met or exceeded the current National Registry certification requirements and element two regards business decisions regarding cost recovery. It was also determined that some requests for use of National Registry services may vary and that until the specifics of how this use was proposed, final decisions regarding this use would have to be approved by the Board of Directors. The National Registry staff was instructed to work with countries requesting on a principle center philosophy. The following are those principles:

Letter of approval

In the event that a foreign country, state, province or region of a foreign country, and/or school or EMS service requests use of National Registry certification services that entity must present to the National Registry a letter from that country's governmental authority that they approve of this use or the letter must state the country has no opposition to the use of the National Registry certification.

EMS Education Approval

The National Registry will authorize EMR, EMT and AEMT certification to graduates who meet and/or exceed the current National EMS Education Standards as validated by an educational program that is affiliated with CAAHEP accredited paramedic education program and is currently state approved within the United States. The co-sponsoring institution must have faculty present during the delivery of the course.

At the Paramedic level the education program offered in a foreign country must be affiliated with a U.S. based CAAHEP accredited Paramedic education program.

Pre-requisites

Paramedic applicants must hold or have held National Registry EMT certification or the foreign county's equivalent of EMT licensure, and have authorization to practice in that country.

Certification Examinations

Computer-based examinations must be delivered at Pearson Professional Centers or Pearson VUE Select Centers. Examinations must be delivered in English only.

As of July 1, 2024, the National Registry discontinued the AEMT and Paramedic psychomotor examination and cognitive examination. Examinations were replaced with the current AEMT and Paramedic certification examination. Refer to the Certification Scheme Policy for updated eligibility and certification requirements.

Examination Fees

The computer-based examination fee is the same fee (in U.S. dollars) as required for all U.S. candidates.

Eligibility Requirements

All applicants must meet current National Registry entry requirements.

Recertification requirements - All continuing education and continued competency credits utilized for National Registry recertification must be approved by a U.S. State EMS Office, or be CAPCE accredited.

Staff Implementation Note: In accordance with the National Registry Board of Director's policy, all National Registry examinations are delivered in English.

Rationale

The National Registry has the authority to consider international programs which meet the requirements of National Registry certification and eligibility under I.C.E. NCCA accreditation and National Registry Board of Director authority. The certification body shall be responsible for, shall retain authority for, and shall not delegate, its decisions relating to certification, including the granting, maintaining, recertifying, expanding and reducing the scope of the certification, and suspending or withdrawing the certification (ISO 17024:2012).

Related Policy and Procedures

Certification Schemes – EMR, EMT, AEMT, NRP
Terms of Certification

References

Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E). (2021). *NCCA accreditation standards*.

International Organization for Standardization. (2012). *ISO/IEC 17024:2012: Conformity assessment - General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons*.

Document History

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