

What is the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP)?

The NCCP is a new model for submitting continuing education units to the NREMT for renewal of the NREMT registration. Acceptance of this model in no way impacts/changes the State requirements for paramedic, EMT or AEMT renewal. The NCCP is the NREMT's renewal policy and only impacts those individuals who wish to maintain their NREMT registration.

The NCCP uses a platform of evidenced-based medicine for continuing education for NREMT EMS personnel who renew their NREMT registration. The NCCP also gives state and local agencies the freedom to dictate a portion of required continuing education topics for their EMS providers.

The new NCCP model streamlines the recertification process into three strategic categories of continuing education:

1. National
 2. Local, and
 3. Individual
- National topics are 50% of the total CE – These topics are published by NREMT.
 - Local topics are 25% of the total CE - These topics will be decided by local entities, including the state or local EMS agencies. These topics can include, but are not limited to, state or local protocol changes, tasks that require remediation based on QA/QI, lesser used skills, and topics chosen from run reviews or as simple as saying the requirement is the same as what is required for State renewal. The local component allows NREMT re-registration requirements to be adapted to the needs of the state and local agencies. If the state or local agencies do not require topics, the individual may select their own topics.
 - Individual topics are 25% of the CE - An individual is free to take any EMS-related education.

Under the NCCP, medical directors and training officers will need to verify the individual is actively working for EMS provider. If the individual is not able to meet this requirement, their NREMT registration status will be inactive. Inactive status does not change the renewal requirement or their NREMT registration, it only means they were not verified as working in the EMS field. Active status can be easily changed with confirmation by medical director and training officer.

What are the changes in CE hours?

To maintain NREMT registration, EMTs, AEMTs, and Paramedics are currently required to complete 72 hours CE every two years.

Under NCCP model:

EMT NREMT re-registration will be reduced to 40 hours of prescribed CE topics.

AEMT NREMT re-registration will be reduced to 50 hours of prescribed topics.

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Paramedic NREMT re-registration will be reduced to 60 hours of prescribed topics.

What are the Types of Acceptable CE?

Same as what is currently required: EMS conferences, in-service training, case reviews, class room, on-line training (on-line training has limitations in the number of hours that can be accrued)

When will it take effect?

The NREMT will switch over to the NCCP model March 31, 2019 nationwide. As of May 1, 2017, 30 states have switched over early to the NCCP model in order to adapt to the new model.

EMS Personnel who are licensed or certified in states that have not adopted this model will need to meet the current 72 hours of CE for renewal until March 2019.

How Many of California's EMS Providers are Nationally Registered?

Approximately 35% (29,000) of California's 82,000 EMS providers are nationally registered.

California has the most NREMT registered individuals compared to the other states.

What does adopting the NCCP mean?

This just means that California has told the NREMT that California is OK with NREMT using the NCCP model to renew NREMT registrations.

California Impact

California does not require continuous NREMT registration. The NCCP model will only impact those individuals who voluntarily wish to maintain their NREMT registration. California training programs may need to adapt to the national topics published by the NREMT in order to offer that content.

Next Steps

Promotional campaign with stakeholders (LEMSAs, Medical Directors, training programs, EMS employers, labor) as well as EMTs AEMTs, and Paramedics. EMSA will notify the NREMT that California will adopt the NCCP model effective June 1, 2018.