

Renewing Your Pennsylvania EMS Certification

Step-by-step re-registration in the PA EMS Registry, and exactly what to upload

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The short version

- **Renewal is called re-registration.** It is not automatic. You must request it yourself in the PA EMS Registry (ems.health.pa.gov/registry).
- **When you can start.** Once you have met the requirements, the Registry lets you re-register within 90 days before your certification expiration date.
- **What you need.** (1) The continuing education credits for your level, (2) a current Pennsylvania DOH-approved CPR card entered in your record, and (3) honest answers to the criminal history and disciplinary action questions.
- **Separate from NREMT.** Your Pennsylvania certification and your National Registry certification are separate. Each has its own requirements, deadlines and records (see our NREMT guide).

Continuing education required

Certification	CE credits	Renewal cycle
EMR	16	Every 3 years
EMT	24	Every 3 years
AEMT	36	Every 2 years
Paramedic	36	Every 2 years
EMSVO (in addition)	2 or 3 credits	2 credits on a 2-year cycle or 3 credits on a 3-year cycle. Credits must be EMSVO-approved and are on top of your provider CE.

Confirm your numbers in the Registry

Credit totals come from 28 Pa. Code § 1023.31, as summarized by Pennsylvania training providers. Pennsylvania also expects most credits (about 75 percent) to be in patient-care and core topics. The Con-Ed Summary Table in your own Registry record is the final word on what you have and what you still need.

Re-register step by step

- 1 Sign in to the PA EMS Registry**
Go to ems.health.pa.gov/registry and sign in. First time in the current system? Use the Initial Login job aid on the Registry Help page.
- 2 Check your address**
Open Applicant Data > General Information. Update your address if needed, and click Update Data if you change any field. Your Regional EMS Council mails your new card to the address on file.

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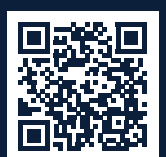
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3 Verify your CPR

Open the EMS Application tab and scroll to the CPR Card section. Confirm your CPR is current. If it is not, enter and update it (see What to upload, below).

4 Check your continuing education

Open the Con-Ed tab and review the ConEd Summary Table, or click Print Status Report. The report opens in a pop-up, so allow pop-ups in your browser.

5 Fill any gaps

Credits from Pennsylvania-approved classes are posted by the class sponsor (Train PA classes post automatically). If a class you took did not post, apply for credit with Con-Ed by Endorsement (see What to upload, below).

6 Start re-registration

When you have met the requirements, open the Applicant Data tab, scroll to Manage My Certifications and select Reregistration.

7 Begin

On the Reregistration tab click Select, then Begin Reregistration. If a message says you do not meet the requirements, recheck your expiration date, your CPR and your Con-Ed credits.

8 Answer and submit

Read and answer the Criminal History and Disciplinary Action questions, check the box to apply for reregistration, and click Recertify.

9 Confirm

The Registry processes your request and shows your new expiration date. Your Regional EMS Council mails your new certification card.

Screens can change

The Bureau of EMS re-registration job aid these steps follow is dated January 2018. If a tab or button is labeled differently when you sign in, open Help > Job Aids inside the Registry.

What to upload, and how

Uploading works the same way everywhere in the Registry: browse for the file on your computer and select it. The file path turns green. Then click Add and a grid appears showing your file. The upload is not saved until you click Add.

Document	Where it goes	Notes
CPR card	EMS Application tab > CPR Card section	Pick your course from the PA-approved CPR list. If your course is not on the list, it is not approved for Pennsylvania EMS. Uploading a copy is optional, but you must submit one if you are audited, so we suggest uploading it now. Click Add, then Update CPR, and confirm each pop-up.
Certificate for a class that did not post	Con-Ed tab > Add ConEd by Endorsement > Add Endorsement	Complete the fields and upload the documents the form lists. You cannot submit without them. Click Add, add notes if needed, then click Submit Endorsement. Your Regional EMS Council reviews it and posts the result to your record within 14 business days.

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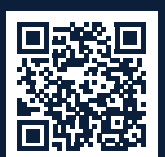
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Train PA classes	Your Train PA account	Credits post to the Registry automatically, but the certificates stay in Train PA, not the Registry. Download them for your own records.
Driver license and EVOC certificate	EMSVO add-on application	Only needed when adding EMSVO to your certification, not for a regular renewal.

FBI background check: not required to re-register

Per EMS Information Bulletin 2025-09, the FBI fingerprint background check applies to people who get an initial certification or reinstate an expired certification on or after January 1, 2026. It does not apply to re-registering a current Pennsylvania certification. If you do need one, it cannot be more than 90 days old when you submit, you pay for it, and you upload it with your application. Register at uenroll.identogo.com with service code 1KG756. Appointments can take several weeks to get.

If your certification has already expired

The steps above are for a current certification. An expired certification needs a reinstatement application in the Registry, and the rules depend on how long it has been expired. Contact your Regional EMS Council or the Bureau of EMS before you start, and plan for CPR, your CE documentation and the FBI background check described above.

Keep your records

- Download and save every CE certificate when you finish a class. You may be audited.
- Check your Con-Ed Summary Table a few times a year, not only at renewal time.
- Keep a copy of your CPR card and write down your new expiration date.

Official Pennsylvania links

- PA EMS Registry (sign in): ems.health.pa.gov/registry
- Registry Help page (job aids, videos, forms): ems.health.pa.gov/registry/Help/QR.aspx
- Job aid, Reregistering: [PDF from the Registry Help page](#)
- Job aid, Entering CPR: [PDF from the Registry Help page](#)
- Job aid, ConEd by Endorsement: [PDF from the Registry Help page](#)
- Video walkthroughs: [Reregistration and Update CPR, on the Help page](#)
- FBI background check bulletin: [EMSIB 2025-09 \(pa.gov\)](#)
- Bureau of EMS: (717) 787-8740
- Need CE hours? lifesafetyleaders.com/classes

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