

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EMT-I CERTIFICATION

Q: How do I certify as an EMT-I with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS region?

A: Once you have completed the EMT training program and passed the NREMT exam, you may apply for certification by following the steps below.

STEP 1 Obtain an EMT-I Certification Application Packet from S-SV EMS Agency. You can reach us at:

5995 Pacific Street
Rocklin, CA 95677
916-625-1702
www.ssvems.com

STEP 2 Upon receipt of the application packet, carefully follow the instructions and properly complete all forms to avoid unnecessary delays. Your application packet will contain the following instructions.

- Complete the S-SV EMS EMT-I Application (use black or blue ink pen only)
- Complete the Health & Safety Affidavit form
- Enclose **COPIES** of the following:
 - NREMT certification card
 - Government issued photo ID (e.g. valid driver's license)
 - Completed DOJ Live Scan Application
 - Current CPR card (Professional Care Provider level)

STEP 3 Return the entire packet to S-SV EMS Agency at 5995 Pacific Street, Rocklin, CA 95677, together with a **non-refundable application fee of \$28.00**. Make checks or money orders payable to "S-SV EMS Agency". We **do not** accept cash, debit or credit cards.

An application packet that is missing any material or information may be returned to you and cause delays in processing. Processing time for applications is approximately 2 weeks.

Q: What is the NREMT exam?

A: The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians® (NREMT) exam is the written certifying examination standard for individuals completing an EMT program. They can be reached by phone at (614) 888-4484, or go to their website at www.nremt.org.

Q: After passing the NREMT exam, how much time do I have to apply for certification with S-SV?

A: Applying for certification should be within two (2) years of completing an EMT training program, NOT from the time you passed the NREMT exam.

Q: What happens if I apply **after** two (2) years of my EMT training?

A: You will have to re-take the entire EMT-I training program and pass the NREMT exam.

Q: On the S-SV EMS EMT-I Application form, what is the column with the heading “EMT-I Test Site” for, and what numbers should I use?

A: This column informs us where you received your EMT-I training. Use one of the following codes to complete this column.

Placer Adult ED - 487	Sierra Coll. –Truckee - 493	Yuba Coll. – Woodland - 499
49'er ROP - 488	UC Davis Outdoor Adventures - 495	NCTI Roseville – 500
Sierra College - 492	Yuba Coll. – Marysville - 498	Other institution - 100

Q: Does S-SV require background checks?

A: S-SV EMS requires all first-time applicants for EMT-I certification to submit Live Scan fingerprints to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for a criminal history background check. This is a onetime requirement.

Q: I already had a background check; can I forward the results to you instead of applying for another one?

A: Confidentiality laws prohibit sharing Live Scan reports.

Q: How long does it take DOJ to send the results to S-SV?

A: If you do not have a criminal conviction or currently involved in an active prosecution, the turnaround time is approximately 5 business days.

Q: What happens if I have a criminal conviction?

A: if you do have a criminal conviction or involved in an active prosecution, expect a delay in processing your application. You will need to attach to your application a letter explaining the circumstances of the case, copies of your final court disposition, and an original DMV printout.

All submitted material will be held in strict confidence.

Conviction of a crime does not necessarily mean that an applicant will be denied certification or recertification. This pertains to all past convictions or active prosecutions. If you have ever been arrested or appeared in court on a criminal matter, you must check the “yes” box on the application.

Q: How long is my EMT certificate good for?

A: Your EMT certificate is valid for two (2) years from date of issue. Recertification is required every two (2) years.

Q: Do I have to apply for an EMT certificate at every county I work in?

A: Your current EMT certificate is valid at any county in California. However, different local EMS Agencies or regions may have different requirements. Please check with each local EMS you intend to work in.

Q: I have a valid/current EMT certificate from a different county in California (outside of S-SV Region). Do I need to obtain another EMT certificate to work within S-SV?

A: No, unless your employer requires you to do so.