

# EMTs/

# Paramedics

**Median National Salary:** \$36,110

**Median Indiana Salary:** \$30,580

**Minimum Education:** Certification

**Education/Training Required:**

**EMT** – 151-159 hours of training, 16 hours of mandatory ride time.

**Paramedic** – 452 hours of training including 1000-1300 hours of an internship course

**Regulatory Body:** Indiana Department of Homeland Security

**Licensing Fees Every Two Years:** No Cost (\$50 if late renewal)

**Exam Source:**

**EMT** – Two exams, written and practical skills examinations set forth and approved by the commission (836 IAC 4-4-1).

**Paramedic** – Two exams, written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission (836 IAC 4-9-3)

**Exam Cost:**

**EMT** – Written exam \$80.

**Paramedic** – Written exam \$125.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Are there any provisions that specify reciprocity of certification with other states?**

All EMS personnel coming into Indiana with a certification from another state need to complete our application process and testing. If they have a National Registry certification it is a matter of paperwork with Indiana Department of Homeland Security and one online test that takes about 15-20 minutes.

**2. Are there any provisions that specify transferability of certification for veterans, military spouses? Is military experience accepted in lieu of training and/or examination?**

Indiana Department of Homeland Security allows the 68Whiskey course through the military as an equivalent training. Personnel would still test if they do not have a national registry certification.

**3. Are there any provisions that provide assistance (example: reduced cost) to displaced/low-income workers?**

There is no cost from IDHS for the issuance of an EMS “certification.” IDHS does not provide financial assistance for the training, but personnel can work with the training institution they choose to attend and see if they have anything available.

**4. Is there a process in place for individual review of criminal record in lieu of automatic disqualification?**

Every application that is received and marked “yes” for criminal history is asked for all documentation and each application is reviewed on an individual basis.

# Statutory Verbiage

## **836 IAC 4-4-1 General certification provisions**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 1. (a) Applicants for original certification as an emergency medical technician shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) Successfully complete the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course as approved by the commission and administered by a certified training institution.
- (3) Pass the emergency medical technician written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall apply for certification on forms provided by the agency postmarked within one (1) year of the date that the course was concluded as shown on the course report.

(c) The minimum requirement for basic emergency medical technicians training shall be as follows:

- (1) The current version of the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course as amended and approved by the commission.
- (2) Each Indiana basic emergency medical technician course shall be supervised by a program director who is affiliated with the course sponsoring training institution as described in this article.

(d) No course shall be approved as equivalent to subsection (c) unless the course meets the training standards in effect on the date an equivalency determination is requested.

(e) Emergency medical technicians shall comply with the following:

(1) An emergency medical technician shall not perform procedures for which the emergency medical technician has not been specifically trained:

- (A) in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum; and
- (B) that have not been approved by the commission as being within the scope and responsibility of the emergency medical technician.

(2) An emergency medical technician shall not act negligently, recklessly, or in such a manner that endangers the health or safety of emergency patients or the members of the general public.

(3) An emergency medical technician shall comply with the state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of patient medical information.

(4) An emergency medical technician shall not delegate to a less qualified individual any skill that requires an emergency medical technician.

(5) An emergency medical technician shall comply with the protocols established by the commission, the provider organization, and the provider organization's medical director.

### **836 IAC 4-4-3 Certification based upon reciprocity**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-10

Sec. 3. (a) To obtain certification based upon reciprocity, an individual shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age and meet one (1) of the following requirements:

(1) Be a person who:

(A) possesses a valid certificate or license as an emergency medical technician from another state; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations as prescribed by the commission.

(2) Be a person who:

(A) while serving in the military of the United States, successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(3) Be a person who:

(A) holds a valid unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(4) Be a person who:

(A) successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course; and

(B) successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(5) Be a person who:

(A) holds a current emergency medical technician registration from the National Registry; and

(B) has completed a course equivalent to the Indiana approved curriculum.

(b) Any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate or license as an emergency medical technician that is valid in another state, or a valid registration issued by the National Registry, upon affiliation with an Indiana certified provider organization may apply to the agency for temporary

certification as an emergency medical technician. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the agency, the agency may issue temporary certification, which shall be valid for the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license or for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the agency, whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 1 of this rule.

### **836 IAC 4-9-1 Student qualifications to enter training**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20

Affected: IC 16-31-3-2

Sec. 1. (a) An applicant for Indiana paramedic training shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Hold a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician.
- (2) Be at a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age.
- (3) Have a high school diploma or general education diploma.

(b) Individuals who have successfully completed an Indiana basic emergency medical technician course or are accepted for basic reciprocity and have taken the Indiana basic written and practical skills certification examinations may hold a provisional spot in a paramedic course

### **836 IAC 4-9-3 General certification**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 16-31-3-14

Sec. 3. (a) An applicant for certification as a paramedic shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be a certified emergency medical technician.
- (2) Be affiliated with a certified paramedic provider organization or a supervising hospital.
- (3) Successfully complete the Indiana paramedic training course as approved by the commission and administered by an Indiana certified training institution.
- (4) Pass the paramedic written and practical skills examinations as approved by the commission.

(b) The applicant shall do the following:

- (1) Apply for certification on forms provided by the agency postmarked within one (1) year of the date of successful completion of the required certification examinations.
- (2) Submit verification of all affiliated provider organizations and supervising hospitals.

(c) Certification exemptions identified under 836 IAC 1-1-4 apply to the certification of paramedics.

(d) Paramedics are prohibited from having in their possession, or maintained on board emergency response vehicles, any advanced life support equipment or supplies that have not been approved in writing by the paramedic provider organization medical director.

(e) Paramedics shall:

(1) not perform a procedure for which the emergency medical technician paramedic has not been specifically trained:

(A) in the Indiana emergency medical technician basic and the Indiana emergency medical technician paramedic curriculums; or

(B) that have not been approved by the commission as being within the scope and responsibility of the emergency medical technician paramedic;

(2) not act negligently, recklessly, or in such a manner that endangers the health or safety of emergency patients or the members of the general public;

(3) comply with the state and federal laws governing the confidentiality of patient medical information;

(4) not delegate to a less qualified individual any skill that requires a paramedic; and

(5) comply with the protocols established by the:

(A) commission;

(B) provider organization; and

(C) provider organization's medical director.

### **836 IAC 4-9-6 Paramedic certification based upon reciprocity**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20

Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 6.(a) To obtain paramedic certification based upon reciprocity, an applicant shall be affiliated with a certified paramedic provider organization and be a person who, at the time of applying for reciprocity, meets one (1) of the following requirements:

(1) Possesses a valid certificate or license as a paramedic from another state and who successfully passes the paramedic practical and written certification examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. Application for certification shall be postmarked or delivered to the agency office within six (6) months after the request for reciprocity.

(2) Has successfully completed a course of training and study equivalent to the material contained in the Indiana paramedic training course and successfully completes the written and practical skills certification examinations prescribed by the commission.

(3) Possesses a valid National Registry paramedic certification.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), any nonresident of Indiana who possesses a certificate of license as a paramedic that is valid in another state, upon residing at an Indiana address, may apply to the agency for temporary certification as a paramedic. Upon receipt of a valid application and verification of valid status by the agency, the agency may issue temporary certification that shall be valid for:

(1) the duration of the applicant's current certificate or license; or

(2) a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date that the reciprocity request is approved by the director; whichever period of time is shorter. A person receiving temporary certification may apply for full certification using the procedure required in section 1 of this rule.

### **836 IAC 4-9-5 Continuing education requirements**

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20

Affected: IC 16-31-3-8; IC 16-31-3-20

Sec. 5. (a) To renew a certification, a certified paramedic shall submit a report of continuing education every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements in subsection (b).

(b) An applicant shall report a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours of continuing education consisting of the following:

(1) Section IA, forty-eight (48) hours of continuing education through a formal paramedic refresher course as approved by the commission or forty-eight (48) hours of supervising hospital-approved continuing education that includes the following:

(A) Sixteen (16) hours in airway, breathing, and cardiology.

(B) Eight (8) hours in medical emergencies.

(C) Six (6) hours in trauma.

(D) Sixteen (16) hours in obstetrics and pediatrics.

(E) Two (2) hours in operations.

(2) Section IB, attach a current copy of cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification for the professional rescuer. The certification expiration date shall be concurrent with the paramedic certification expiration date.

(3) Section IC, attach a current copy of advanced cardiac life support certification. The certification expiration date shall be concurrent with the paramedic certification expiration date.

(4) Section II, twenty-four (24) additional hours of emergency medical services related continuing education; twelve (12) of these hours shall be obtained from audit and review. The participation in any course as approved by the commission may be included in this section.

(5) Section III, skill maintenance (with no specified hour requirement). All skills shall be directly observed by the emergency medical service medical director or emergency medical service educational staff of the supervising hospital either at an in service or in an actual clinical setting. The observed skills include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Patient medical assessment and management.

(B) Trauma assessment and management.

(C) Ventilatory management.

(D) Cardiac arrest management.

(E) Bandaging and splinting.

(F) Medication administration, intravenous therapy, intravenous bolus, and intraosseous therapy.

(G) Spinal immobilization.

(H) Obstetrics and gynecological scenarios.

(I) Communication and documentation.