

Texas Reciprocity Easy How to Steps

<https://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/stdrecip.shtm>

An out-of-state certified emergency medical services (EMS) person may apply for Texas certification by reciprocity. Persons with Emergency Care Attendant (ECA); First Responder (FR) or Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) are not eligible for Texas Reciprocity

Reciprocity Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must either have a current Out of State certification or current National Registry certification.
- The certifications must remain current until approved for certification.

Applying for Reciprocity:

- Submit an online reciprocity application and pay the non-refundable application fee. [Apply Online](#)
- Must take the Texas Assessment Exam through the National Registry of State certified only.
- Must take the State of Texas Jurisprudence CE course with an exam. Please upload the course completion certificate to the application as a PDF attachment.
- Submit the Verification Form A to each State where the applicant has ever been certified and/or is currently certified. [Out of State Verification Form A](#)
- The State agency having licensing authority will complete the form and submit it directly to emscert@dshs.texas.gov.
- Must submit to a fingerprint-based background check through IdentoGO using the Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form. To request the fingerprint service code, email EMS Certification: emscert@dshs.texas.gov.
- Applicants seeking reciprocity at the Advanced EMT level must have training (verifiable by the certifying state agency) that includes alternative airway intubation devices, and IV initiation as required for Advanced EMT certification in Texas. [Reciprocity AEMT Skills Verification Form](#)

Criminal History Background Verification:

- All applicants will be required to undergo an FBI fingerprint criminal history check using IdentoGo.
- Schedule fingerprinting through IdentoGo using the DSHS' code. To request the fingerprint service code, email EMS Certification emscert@dshs.texas.gov.
- The Texas Fingerprint Service Code Form includes instructions for scheduling an appointment with IdentoGo. Any fees associated with this process will be your responsibility.
- If you are unable to go to the IdentoGo site please contact EMS Central Unit at: 512-834-6734, to receive a hard copy fingerprint card.

Paramedic Licensure (Not EMT-Paramedic):

If seeking Paramedic licensure, a college transcript that documents the academic requirements must be submitted. (Remember, EMT-Paramedic certification does not require a degree.)

- You must possess the following academic requirements
 - an Associate's Degree in EMS OR
 - a Bachelor's or higher degree in any field of study
 - a post graduate degree
- The degree must be from a school that is accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an approved accrediting authority.

Please send a copy of your transcript by email or mail.

Email: emscert@dshs.texas.gov

Mail:

Texas Department of State Health Services
EMS Licensing and Certification
Mail Code 2835
PO Box 149347
Austin, TX 78714

National Registry or Passing the National Registry Assessment Exam:

- Applicants without a current National Registry (NR) certification must apply to take their assessment exam for the State of Texas. Applicants will not be approved to take the NR Assessment exam until the department has received the reciprocity application, fees, and verified you have a current EMS certification from another state or US territory.