



Pennsylvania Department of Health

EMS Information Bulletin 2025-01

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SUBJECT: Update Change of Format for EMS Practical Examinations – July

TO: PA EMS Regional Educational Coordinators
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This notice serves as an updated timeline to EMSIB 2024-07, 2024-16 for EMS Practical Exams from the Department. To coincide with the fiscal year, the following date adjustments have been made.

Effective **July 1, 2025**, EMR, EMT, PHRN, PHPE, and PHP practical exam will be a scenario and skills-based examination identified by BEMS and conducted by the Regional EMS Councils within the Commonwealth. This exam will be known as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2025 EMS Psychomotor Exam.

- a. This exam will also serve as the Psychomotor Exam for all levels requiring such an exam for Pennsylvania certification reinstatement.
- b. Those who have a psychomotor examination requirement for reinstatement at the AEMT or Paramedic level between July 1, 2024, and **June 30, 2025**, will utilize the current BLS psychomotor exam to meet the Pennsylvania psychomotor requirement.
- c. Starting **July 1, 2025**, those AEMT or Paramedics who have a psychomotor examination requirement for reinstatement will utilize the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2025 EMS Psychomotor Exam for certification reinstatement.

Effective January 1, 2026, the Department will establish notice of Student Minimum Competencies (SMCs) for the EMR and EMT levels and will establish Minimum Competencies for licensed professions, i.e., PHRNs, PHPEs, and PHPs.

- a. BEMS will establish a transition timeline from a formal practical exam to the adoption of SMCs or minimum competencies for all EMS Provider levels.

EMS Programs who will have EMR or EMT students testing the 2025 EMS Psychomotor Exam after July 1, 2025, are encouraged to incorporate scenario-based practices into their lab sessions. A training session entitled Incorporating Authentic Scenarios into EMS Education will be available in the Train PA System within two weeks.

Should you have any questions, please contact Education Manager, Timothy Reitz - timreitz@pa.gov