



Position Statement

Use of National Registry exams for certifying Colorado First Responders

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Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, Inc.

In order to assure a repeatable, standardized means of certifying First Responders in Colorado, the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, endorses the National Registry of EMTs' First Responder examination process¹. The association further proposes that the National Registry of EMTs' First Responder examination be officially adopted by all state agencies that have a medical, certifying or regulatory interest in EMS, by all Colorado emergency agencies that use First Responders and by all agencies and institutions that train First Responders.

The National Registry of EMTs examination processes have been validated by many years of development, authentication and fine-tuning of both written exam test-banks and practical examination of National Registry candidate's skills.

The well-defined National Registry of EMTs' First Responder prescribed examination process minimizes, or eliminates, problems related to test security, creation of test question banks, and deviation from consistent methods of testing practical skills.

Additionally, use of the National Registry of EMTs' First Responder examination eliminates the cost incurred by state agencies in administering a First Responder testing program.

¹ As published in the National Registry First Responder Examination Coordinator Manual, 1996.