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### MEMORANDUM

TO: EMT-A Selected for Random Audit

FROM: Hawaii Medical Board

SUBJECT: 2020 Certification Renewal/Continuing Education ("CE") Audit

### CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

The Hawaii Medical Board ("Board") would like to advise you that EMT-A certifications expire on January 31, 2020, unless renewed. In order to renew, EMT-As must meet the CE requirement as described on the subsequent pages of this memorandum.

### RANDOM AUDIT

By law, the Board may conduct a random audit to determine whether the CE requirement has been met. Through a computer-generated program, you have been randomly selected for participation in the Board's audit. To this end, you are being asked to provide CE documentation when you renew your certificate.

### RENEWAL NOTICE

In November 2019, you will receive a notice of renewal. Because you are being audited and required to submit documentation of CE with your renewal application, **you will not be able to renew online. Instead, please follow the instructions below.**

### TO RENEW

1. Submit your completed renewal application (enclosed);
2. Renewal fee; and
3. CE documentation (as described below) to the Hawaii Medical Board, P.O. Box 3469, Honolulu, HI 96801.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THE ITEMS SEPARATELY AS IT WILL CAUSE A DELAY IN YOUR RENEWAL.**

### RENEWAL DEADLINE

The deadline to renew is **January 31, 2020**. However, to ensure that your certificate is renewed on/before that date, we strongly encourage you to renew as early as possible due to the anticipated volume of renewals. Effective April 18, 2019, you must retrieve and print your pocket ID card and wall certificate via your MyPVL account. No other notice will be provided. To establish a MyPVL account, please go to: <https://pvl.ehawaii.gov/mypvl>.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this memo, please call the Board's office at (808) 586-2699.

### CE REQUIREMENT FOR EMT-As

The CE requirement may be met by having a **current certificate** from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) in your respective class. Please submit a copy of your current NREMT certificate or NREMT certification verification.

If you do **not have a current NREMT certificate prior to October 15, 2016**, you will need to meet the NREMT CE requirements. The NREMT requires that 50 hours of CE be obtained in the following three components: (1) a national component, (2) a local/state component, and (3) an individual component.

The 50 hours of CE may be met in the following:

1. **NATIONAL COMPONENT:** The National Component requires EMT-As to complete 25 hours of approved continuing education. A maximum of *8 hours* of distributive education may be used to meet the 25-hour requirement.

**Airway/Respiration/Ventilation: 2.5 Hours**

Ventilation  
Oxygenation

**Cardiovascular: 7 Hours**

Post-Resuscitation Care  
Ventricular Assist Devices  
Stroke  
Cardiac Arrest  
Pediatric Cardiac Arrest  
Acute Coronary Syndrome

**Trauma: 3 Hours**

Trauma Triage  
Central Nervous System (CNS) Injury  
Hemorrhage Control  
Fluid Resuscitation

**Medical: 7.5 Hours**

Special Healthcare Needs  
OB Emergencies  
Infectious Diseases

Medication Delivery  
Pain Management  
Psychiatric and Behavioral Emergencies  
Toxicological Emergencies – Opioids  
Neurological Emergencies – Seizures  
Endocrine Emergencies – Diabetes  
Immunological Emergencies

**Operations: 5 Hours**

At-Risk Populations  
Ambulance Safety  
Field Triage—Disasters/MCIs  
EMS Provider Hygiene, Safety, and Vaccinations  
EMS Culture of Safety  
Pediatric Transport  
Crew Resource Management  
EMS Research  
Evidence Based Guidelines

2. **LOCAL OR STATE COMPONENT:** The Local or State Component requires EMT-As to complete 12.5 hours of approved CE. If specific local and/or state are not specified, these required hours are considered flexible content. You may use any State or [Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education \(CAPCE\)](#) approved EMS–related education to fulfill these requirements. A maximum of 8 hours of distributive education may be used to meet the 12.5-hour requirement.
3. **INDIVIDUAL COMPONENT:** The Individual Component requires EMT-As to complete 12.5 hours of approved CE. The individual hours are considered flexible content. The individual hours are considered flexible content. You may use any state or [Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education \(CAPCE\)](#) approved EMS–related education to fulfill these requirements. A maximum of 12.5 hours of distributive education may be used to meet the 12.5-hour requirement.

DOCUMENTATION OF CE

Documentation is to consist of:

1. A letter;
2. Copy of transcripts;
3. Computer printout; or
4. Copy of certificates

from the CE provider which includes your name and the dates, title, and number of hours of the CE. If the employers offered the CE, we will accept documentation from them.

UNACCEPTABLE COURSES

Courses that **cannot be applied towards recertification requirements include** duplicate courses, clinical rotations, instructor courses, management/leadership courses, performance of duty, preceptor hours, serving as a skill examiner, and volunteer time with agencies.

IMPORTANT TERMINOLOGY OR WEBSITES

***Distributive Education:*** is a method of delivering EMS education where the educator and student are not able to interact in real time. Examples include: online courses, journal article reviews, and videos.

**CACPE:** <http://www.capce.org/>

**NREMT:** <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/recertification>