

## EMS Instructor Requirements

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**Background:** The Department of State Health Services' EMS Instructor examination is based on the Department of Transportation's (TXDOT's) Emergency Medical Services Instructor Training Program, 1986 Edition. These standards are out-dated and do not reflect current instructor educational standards.

**Statue Referenced:** Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 773.054

(b) The board by rule shall establish minimum standards for:

(3) the approval of courses and training programs, the certification of program instructors, examiners, and course coordinators for emergency medical services personnel training, and the revocation and probation of an approval or certification;

**Rule Referenced:** Texas Administrative Code Section 157.44  
Emergency Medical Services Instructor Certification

(b) Certification. To obtain certification, a candidate shall:

(3) complete a training program using an instructor training curriculum approved by the department; or

(4) successfully complete a methods of teaching course or other type of instructor training course approved by the department; the course completed shall be a minimum of 40 hours and all requirements shall be completed within one year of the completion date on the course certificate, and the department may exempt those applicants who are already certified in those courses; or

**Policy:** Effective on the signature date of this policy, until this policy is rescinded, the following training programs are approved by the department for EMS instructor certification: (1) the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE); (2) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; and (3) the United States Military Instructor Training Course. Effective January 1, 2010, the department will only approve other methods of teaching instructor courses that are based on the Department of Transportation's/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) current instructor curriculum.

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