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CPR - Certification and Documentation

All EMT-Basic Candidates are required to complete CPR training prior to the first day of their EMT-Basic training, and present a valid CPR card and government issued photo identification card for admittance to the New Jersey EMT-Basic Certification Examination. All EMT-Basics are required to carry their CPR, EMT-Basic and identification cards with them while practicing as an EMT-Basic within New Jersey. Photocopies and letters of participation from instructors are not accepted.

Current New Jersey regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:40A) require a valid certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the level of the Professional Rescuer or Health Care Provider as issued by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the National Safety Council or other entity determined by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to comply with AHA CPR Guidelines.

OEMS recognizes the following CPR certifications:

- American Heart Association – BLS Healthcare Provider
- American Red Cross – Professional Rescuer
- American Safety and Health Institute – Professional Rescuer
- AAOS/ACEP Emergency Care and Safety Institute – Healthcare Provider
- National Safety Council – Basic Life Support: Healthcare and Professional Rescuers
- Department of Defense – Professional Rescuer

OEMS does not recognize CPR training programs that are taught strictly on-line. CPR certification must be obtained through an instructor led program with skills verification, a written examination, and include both one and two rescuer CPR (infant, child and adult), use of bag-valve mask ventilation devices (BVM) and semi-automatic external defibrillator (SAED) training.

OEMS does not accept handwritten certification cards or letters from CPR instructors, as proof of CPR certification. Any provider who is issued a handwritten card should contact their CPR training center and request a printed replacement.