

## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT**

The Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification examination is made of two parts: a psychomotor (practical) exam and a cognitive (written or computer based) exam. The psychomotor exam consists of 5 stations for the EMR and 7 stations for the EMT. You will be graded on your ability to perform specific skills in each station required for your certification. You will be graded individually. You will be given hypothetical situations. The skill/grading sheets used are from the National Registry of EMT's. These are the official validation for EMR and EMT candidates, approved by the PA Dept. of Health, Bureau of EMS. Upon successful completion of all stations, you will then be required to attempt the EMR/EMT Written/Cognitive Examination.

There are 5 grading areas for the Psychomotor EMR exam, which are:

- Cardiac Arrest Management/AED
- Patient Assessment/Management-Trauma
- BVM Ventilation of an Apneic Adult Patient
- Patient Assessment/Management-Medical
- Oxygen Administration by Non-rebreather Mask

There are 7 grading areas for Psychomotor EMT exam, which are the 5 listed above and additionally:

- Spinal Immobilization (Supine Patient)
- Random EMT Skills

The skills performed will be within your scope of practice for the level of certification you are seeking. Student candidates will enter and perform individually and be evaluated on those skills as performed and verbalized. You are required to perform "hands-on" assessments that are correct, timely and appropriate function(s) of all skills. Re-testing opportunities will be based upon: the number of students and evaluators at the site, and the number of skill stations that candidates are initially successful.

Station times are dependent upon the number of students testing. Ample time is provided to complete all necessary skills, for your first attempt.

### **Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)**

Retesting:

- If you are unsuccessful in one (1) or two (2) stations you will be re-tested on only the skills that you did not pass. This re-test may be offered on the same day, the decision for re-testing is at the discretion of the exam coordinator.
- If you are unsuccessful in three (3) or more of the stations you will be required to re-test all five (5) of the stations. This re-test will **not** be offered on the same day. This would be considered exam attempt one (1).

Total exam attempts allowed will be six (6) and they must be completed within 2 years of successful completion of the certification class. After three (3) failed exam attempts, the student must complete one of the following to become eligible for the next three (3) exam attempts:

- a. Successfully complete the entire certification program
- b. Successfully complete a "hands-on" remedial course at the appropriate EMS provider level approved by the department.
  - Must be taught by a current PA EMS Instructor from an approved EMS Education Institute.
  - After the documentation from the EMS Education Institute has been received by the Regional EMS Council, the student candidate can be scheduled for re-test opportunities.
- c. If all six (6) exam attempts are unsuccessful, the student shall be required to retake the entire certification program.

### **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**

Retesting:

- If you are unsuccessful in one (1), two (2) or three (3) stations you will need to be re-tested on only the skills that you did not pass. This re-test may be offered on the same day, the decision for re-testing is at the discretion of the exam coordinator.

