

## **Certification, Recertification, and Legal Recognition EMSA-First Responder**

### **Initial Certification - EMSA-First Responder**

Personnel qualify for certification as an EMSA-First Responder by meeting the following conditions and qualifications:

- Successfully complete an approved First Responder 44-hour course from RESA.
- Successfully complete the written and practical examination with a score of 70% or higher (National Registry written examination).
- Be affiliated with an West Virginia Licensed EMS Agency or Fire Department Rapid Response Agency.
- Complete the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Application and Signature Attachment Sheet.
- Obtain proper signatures of EMS Agency's Official Director (as appears on the agency license) and the Agency's Medical Director.
- Attach a copy of current drivers license.
- Attach a copy of current CPR Card.
- Submit forms to WVOEMS.

### **Recertification - EMSA-First Responder**

Personnel qualify for recertification as an EMSA-First Responder by meeting the following conditions and qualifications:

- Successfully complete an approved First Responder 22-hour course from RESA or:
- Completes 20-hour OEMS in Squad Training Officer's program.
- Successfully complete the WV OEMS written and practical examinations.
- Be affiliated with an West Virginia Licensed EMS Agency or Fire Department Rapid Response Agency.
- Complete the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Application and Signature Attachment Sheet.
- Obtain proper signatures of EMS Agency's Official Director (as appears on the agency license) and the Agency's Medical Director.
- Attach a copy of current drivers license.
- Submit forms to WVOEMS.

### **Legal Recognition - EMSA-First Responder**

Personnel qualify for legal recognition as an EMSA-First Responder by meeting the following conditions and qualifications:

- Complete the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Application and Signature Attachment Sheet.
- Obtain proper signatures of EMS Agency's Official Director and the Agency's Medical Director.
- Attach a copy of current drivers license.
- Attach a copy of current CPR Card.

- Attach copy of CPR card and current certification card from National Registry or foreign state.
- Be affiliated with a West Virginia Licensed EMS Agency, or Fire Department Rapid Responder Agency.
- All legal recognition candidates must have a National Registry card before they are allowed to work in West Virginia.
- Have at least 6 months of certification left on current card or:
  - Recertify in state with current certification and then re-apply for legal recognition.
  - Schedule through RESA ([hyperlink](#)) with permission from the WV OEMS to take the 20-hour refresher course and
  - Successfully complete both the written and practical examination with a score of 70% or higher.
  
  - Submit forms to WVOEMS.