




EMS Information Bulletin 2023-08

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SUBJECT: Continuing Education by Endorsement – Purpose and Process

TO: PA EMS Continuing Education Sponsors
PA EMS Providers

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The continuing education by endorsement process allows a Pennsylvania EMS provider who attends or teaches a course, to apply to the Department to receive credit for the course. **(28 Pa. Code § 1023.32. Credit for continuing education.)**

When requesting credit for a continuing education course offered by an organization which is not a Pennsylvania accredited EMS continuing education sponsor, the EMS provider shall have the burden of demonstrating to the Department that the course meets standards prescribed in 28 Pa. Code § 1023.32 by submitting a completed application for continuing education by endorsement. ([EMS Registry Job Aid for Applying for Con Ed by Endorsement.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)). The Department will assign credit to the course, including the possibility of no credit or partial credit.

Things to remember prior to submitting your request:

- If a class is conducted by a Department accredited EMS Continuing Education Sponsor, continuing education credits must be requested through that sponsor. Endorsement for credits for these classes will not be accepted when submitted by an individual. For a list of accredited EMS continuing education sponsors, please visit the PA EMS Registry system (EMS Registry (state.pa.us.)) or contact your Regional EMS Council for assistance.
- Credit may not be received if the EMS provider or EMSVO misses more than 15% of the time assigned for the course.
- Credit may not be received for other than 30 or 60 minute units of instruction. The course must be at least 30 minutes.
- An EMS provider and an EMSVO will receive credit for a specific course only one time per registration cycle, even if the EMS provider or EMSVO has repeated the course in a different year of the same registration cycle. Continuing education credits may not be carried over from one certification period to another.
- CPR is not eligible for continuing education credit.

- One (1) college credit is equal to 8 hours of continuing education for endorsement purposes.
- An EMS provider or EMSVO shall receive credit for teaching a continuing education course equal to the amount of credit for which a continuing education course is approved by the Department, the number of hours served as an instructor in that course. An EMS provider or EMSVO shall receive credit for teaching the same course only once during a registration renewal cycle.
- Continuing education hours may be awarded to individuals serving either as an exercise evaluator or a simulated patient for psychomotor exam participation. These hours may be credited to the Clinical Patient Care (CPC) Category. All education of this type shall be entered as continuing education by endorsement. EMS providers who participate in the certification psychomotor exams coordinated by their Regional EMS Council are eligible to earn continuing education hours to half the time of their participation rate. Ex: An EMT participates in a psychomotor exam for four (4) hours, they are eligible for two (2) hours of continuing education.