Amends 836 IAC 4-4-2, 836 IAC 4-7-3.5, 836 IAC 4-7-1.4, and 836 IAC 4-9-4 to revise recertification procedures. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

SECTION 1. 836 IAC 4-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-4-2 Application for original certification or certification renewal

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7
Affected: IC 16-31

Sec. 2. (a) Application for emergency medical technician certification shall be made on forms provided by the agency. Applicants shall complete the required forms and submit the forms to the agency. The application shall include the following:

1. The name and address of the applicant.
2. Criminal history declarations of the applicant.
3. The name of the training institution where training was completed.
4. Other information required by the agency.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an emergency medical technician shall be valid for a period of two (2) years.

(d) To renew a certification, a certified emergency medical technician shall submit a report of continuing education every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the minimum requirement to take and report forty (40) hours of continuing education according to the following:

1. Participate in a minimum of thirty-four (34) hours of any combination of:
   A. lectures;
   B. critiques;
   C. skills proficiency examinations;
   D. continuing education courses;
   E. teaching sessions;

   that review subject matter presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.

2. Participate in a minimum of six (6) hours of audit and review.
3. Participate in any update course as required by the commission.
4. Successfully complete a proficiency evaluation that tests the skills presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.

(e) If a properly completed renewal application is submitted within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a fifty dollar ($50) reapplication fee, the certification will be reinstated on the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation, and reapplication fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date will be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, a person also certified as an emergency medical technician-basic advanced, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or paramedic under IC 16-31 may substitute the required continuing education credits for those of subsection (d).
An individual who fails to comply with the continuing education requirements described in this article shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges of an emergency medical technician and shall cease from providing the services authorized by an emergency medical technician certification as of the date of expiration of the current certificate.

An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall:
(1) complete an emergency medical technician recertification training course as approved by the commission; and
(2) successfully complete the state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission.

If the individual fails either certification examination, the person must retake an Indiana basic emergency medical technician training course.

SECTION 2. 836 IAC 4-7-3.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7-3.5 Continuing education requirements

Authority: IC 16-31-2-7
Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 3.5. (a) To renew a certification, a certified emergency medical technician-basic advanced shall submit a report of continuing education every two (2) years that meets or exceeds the minimum requirements to take and report fifty-six (56) hours of continuing education according to the following:
(1) Participate in a minimum of thirty-four (34) hours of any combination of: lecture,
   (A) lectures;
   (B) critiques;
   (C) skills proficiency examinations;
   (D) continuing education courses;
   (E) teaching sessions;

that review subject matter presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum.
(2) Participate in a minimum of ten (10) hours of any combination of: lecture,
   (A) lectures;
   (B) critiques;
   (C) skills proficiency examinations;
   (D) teaching sessions;

that review subject matter presented in the Indiana emergency medical technician-basic advanced curriculum.
(3) Participate in a minimum of twelve (12) hours of audit and review.
(4) Participate in any update course as prescribed by the commission.
(5) Successfully complete a proficiency evaluation that tests the skills presented in the Indiana basic emergency medical technician curriculum and the Indiana emergency medical technician-basic advanced curriculum.

(b) If a properly completed renewal application is submitted within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a fifty dollar ($50) reapplication fee, the certification will be reinstated on the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation, and reapplication fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date will be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-4-2; filed Jun 30, 2000, 4:18 p.m.: 23 IR 2752; filed Jun 11, 2004, 1:30 p.m.: 27 IR 3569; readopted filed Jul 29, 2010, 8:07 a.m.: 20100825-IR-836100267RFA; filed Mar 25, 2011, 10:24 a.m.: 20110420-IR-836100361FRA)
SECTION 3. 836 IAC 4-7.1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-7.1-4 Application for certification; renewal
Authority: IC 16-31-2-7
Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 4. (a) Application for certification as an emergency medical technician-intermediate shall be made on forms provided by the agency. An applicant shall:
(1) complete the required forms; and shall
(2) submit the forms to the agency.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as an emergency medical technician-intermediate shall be valid for two (2) years.

(d) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges nor administer advanced life support services to emergency patients.

(e) If a properly completed renewal application is submitted within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a fifty dollar ($50) reapplication fee, the certification will be reinstated on the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation, and reapplication fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date will be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

(f) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall complete an emergency medical technician-intermediate recertification training course and successful completion of state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails the certification examinations, the person shall retake an entire emergency medical technician-intermediate training course.

(Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission; 836 IAC 4-7.1-4; filed Feb 20, 2003, 8:00 a.m.: 26 IR 2370; filed Jun 11, 2004, 1:30 p.m.: 27 IR 3575; readopted filed Jul 29, 2010, 8:07 a.m.: 20100825-IR-836100267RFA; filed Mar 25, 2011, 10:24 a.m.: 20110420-IR-836100361FRA)

SECTION 4. 836 IAC 4-9-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

836 IAC 4-9-4 Application for certification; renewal
Authority: IC 16-31-2-7; IC 16-31-3-14; IC 16-31-3-14.5; IC 16-31-3-20
Affected: IC 16-31-3

Sec. 4. (a) Application for certification as a paramedic shall be made on forms provided by the agency. An applicant shall:
(1) complete the required forms; and
(2) submit the forms to the agency.

(b) All applicants for original certification shall provide evidence of compliance with the requirements for certification.

(c) Certification as a paramedic shall be valid for two (2) years.
(d) Individuals who have failed to comply with the continuing education requirements shall not exercise any of the rights and privileges nor administer advanced life support services to emergency patients.

(e) If a properly completed renewal application is submitted within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the expiration of the certification, together with the required documentation to show that the applicant has completed all required continuing education within the two (2) years prior to the expiration of the certification, and a fifty dollar ($50) reapplication fee, the certification will be reinstated on the date that the commission staff determines that the required application, documentation, and reapplication fee have been properly submitted. The expiration date will be two (2) years from the expiration of the previous, expired certification.

(f) An individual wanting to reacquire a certification shall complete a paramedic recertification training course and successful completion of state written and practical skills examinations as set forth and approved by the commission. If the individual fails the certification examinations, the person shall retake an entire paramedic training course.