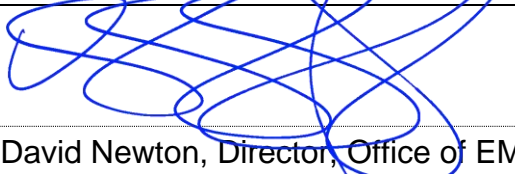




**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OEMS-PRO-102018-002
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND
ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT POLICY**

Approval:		4/13/2020
	David Newton, Director, Office of EMS and Trauma	Date

1.0 PURPOSE

The intent of this policy is to identify certifications that are recognized by the Department to fulfil cardiopulmonary resuscitation and advanced cardiac life support training requirements that must be met by EMS personnel.

2.0 AUTHORITY

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Advanced Cardiac Life Support Policy OEMS-1000 is published under the authority of the Department and in compliance with the following:

2.1 Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.):

- 2.1.1** O.C.G.A. § 31-11-5,
- 2.1.2** O.C.G.A. § 31-11-51,
- 2.1.3** O.C.G.A. § 31-11-52.
- 2.1.4** O.C.G.A. § 31-11-58, and
- 2.1.5** O.C.G.A. § 31-11-59.

2.2 EMS Rules and Regulations 511-9-2:

- 2.2.1** 511-9-2-.12,
- 2.2.2** 511-9-2-.13, and
- 2.2.3** 511-9-2-.18.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1** Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification (ACLS) - means successful completion of a course utilizing nationally recognized advanced cardiac care standards in accordance with the current *Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care* published by the American Heart Association.
- 3.2** Applicant - means an individual seeking licensure from the Department as an EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic.
- 3.3** Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification (CPR) - means successful completion of a healthcare provider course using nationally recognized cardiopulmonary resuscitation standards in accordance with the current *Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care* published by the American Heart Association.

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- 3.4 Department - means the Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma.
- 3.5 EMS - means emergency medical services.
- 3.6 EMS Rules - means the Department's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 511-9-2.
- 3.7 EMS Personnel - means any emergency medical technician (EMT), emergency medical technician intermediate (EMT-I), advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), cardiac technician (CT), or paramedic (P) licensed by the Department.
- 3.8 Recognized - means acceptable to the Department based on its determination as to conformance with current national standards.

4.0 SCOPE

This policy applies to all Applicants applying for EMS licensure and all EMS Personnel currently licensed by the Department.

5.0 POLICY

- 5.1 All applicants seeking licensure from the Department must submit evidence of having successfully completed a CPR certification from a course recognized by the Department.
- 5.2 All applicants seeking licensure as a Paramedic must submit evidence of having successfully completed an ACLS certification from a course recognized by the Department.
- 5.3 All EMS Personnel must maintain active CPR certification from a course recognized by the Department at all times while licensed by the Department.
- 5.4 All Cardiac Technicians and Paramedics must maintain active ACLS certification from a course recognized by the Department at all times while licensed by the Department.
- 5.5 Certifications from the following BLS, CPR, and ACLS courses have been recognized by the Department:
 - 5.5.1 American Heart Association (AHA)
 - 5.5.1.1 Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider or Instructor
 - 5.5.1.2 HeartCode Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider
 - 5.5.1.3 Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider or Instructor
 - 5.5.1.4 Advanced Cardiac Life Support for the Experienced Provider
 - 5.5.1.5 HeartCode Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider

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- 5.5.2** American Red Cross (ARC)
 - 5.5.2.1.** Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider or Instructor
 - 5.5.2.2.** Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider or Instructor

- 5.5.3** Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI)
 - 5.5.3.1.** Healthcare Provider CPR or Instructor

- 5.5.4** American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
 - 5.5.4.1.** eACLS Provider (certification renewal only)

- 5.5.5** American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI)
 - 5.5.5.1.** BLS for Healthcare Providers & Professional Rescuers or Instructor
 - 5.5.5.2.** Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider

- 5.5.6** ProTraining, LLC
 - 5.5.6.1.** ProCPR Healthcare Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider or Instructor

- 5.5.7** EMS Safety
 - 5.5.7.1** Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Provider or Instructor

- 5.5.8** American Heart Saver
 - 5.5.8.1** Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider or Instructor



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6.0 REVISION HISTORY

Revision #	Revision Date	Revision Comments
0	10/24/2018	Initial issue.
1	4/13/2020	Updated certification names, added American Red Cross ALS certification, added American Heart Saver BLS certification