

# Georgia OEMST – EMS Instructor Update

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# Housekeeping items

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# Agenda

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- Medic/EMS Instructor Renewal
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH) Policy
- Website Reorganizing
- EMS Education Consortium
- NREMT Resolution
- NREMT Survey data
- TRAIN
- Regional Symposiums

# Medic License Renewals

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# Late Medic Renewal

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Late Medic Renewal application open for those that expired 3/31/2022, closes 9/30/22, 11:59pm

- Will include a late fee of \$75.00
- Agency paid fees will not be credited to a Late Medic Renewal application

# Instructor License Renewals

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# Renewal Requirements

- ✓ EMS Licensure & Verification (Agency, Personnel, Instructor)
- > EMS Agency Licensure
- > EMS Personnel Licensure
- EMS Instructor Licensure
- > EMS Initial/Continuing Education
- OEMST Webinar Updates
- Protocols and Scope of Practice
- Post-Licensure Skills (PLS) for Paramedics
- > EMS Data (GEMSIS Elite, Biospatial)
- Forms and Related Documents
- State EMS Office Directory

License Fee	Yes			
Application to complete in LMS ( <a href="https://www.mygemsis.org/lms/">https://www.mygemsis.org/lms/</a> )	Initial EMS Instructor	Initial EMS Instructor/Coordinator (EMT)	Initial EMS Instructor/Coordinator (AEMT)	Initial EMS Instructor/Coordinator (Paramedic)

## Requirements for EMS Instructor/EMS I/C Licensure Renewal

Requirement	EMS Instructor	EMS Instructor/Coordinator (EMT)	EMS Instructor/Coordinator (AEMT)	EMS Instructor/Coordinator (Paramedic)
<b>Continuing Education Requirement</b>	12 hours of dual or Instructor only CEU; at least 6 of the hours must be Instructor only CEU	24 hours of dual or Instructor only CEU; at least 12 of the hours must be Instructor only CEU		
<b>Active Teaching Requirement</b>	20 hours of active teaching in Department approved or recognized CEU or Initial Education.	40 hours of active teaching in Department approved or recognized initial education courses; at least 20 hours taught at or above the level of I/C licensure (Includes: Lecture, Lab, and up to 8 hours of precepting for any level Initial Education Student). Does not include psychomotor exams or administrative functions within a Program		
<b>Certification and Licensure Status</b>	Maintain HCP license	Maintain HCP license and NREMT certification*		
<b>Renewal Fee</b>	Yes			

\*Maintaining NREMT certification is required for any Instructor/ Coordinator licensed after the 2020 Rule change. This does not apply to instructors licensed prior to 2020.

# Downgrades

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If an Instructor does not meet the Active Teaching requirement for their level they have two options:

- Obtain the required time between now and renewal, or late renewal time
- Downgrade the license to the level they qualify for

If an instructor chooses to downgrade:

- Submit renewal with active practice
- OEMS will evaluate and trigger another form
- The applicant will complete the form to state which level they wish to downgrade to



# Instructor Renewal

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Instructor Renewal period: 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2022

CE/Active Teaching requirements restart as soon as your renewal is issued

Application fee of \$25

Late renewal period is 6 months after the license renewal date

- Late fee will apply

# Verification of Active Teaching

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# Active Teaching Form



## Verification of Active Teaching

This form is used for documenting the hours an Instructor, or Instructor/Coordinator, obtained teaching Department approved Continuing Education or Initial Education course(s).

**EMS Instructors MUST complete:** 20 hours of active teaching in Department approved or recognized CEU or Initial Education.

**EMS Instructor/Coordinators MUST complete:** 40 hours of active teaching in Department approved or recognized initial education courses; at least 20 hours taught at or above the level of I/C licensure (Includes: Lecture, Lab, and up to 8 hours of precepting for any level Initial Education Student). Does not include psychomotor exams or administrative functions within a Program

*The Program Director must document the correct hours beside the correct category and sign below.*

Medic Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

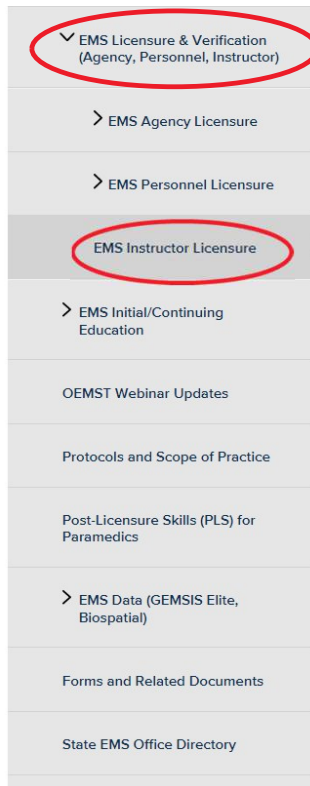
Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor License# \_\_\_\_\_

The Medic/Instructor named above has taught in the following Department approved Continuing or Initial Education course(s). At the time of this letter, the medic has taught the hours indicated in the course(s)/categories below:

Course #	_____	Category	_____	Level	_____	Hours	_____
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Course #	_____	Category	_____	Level	_____	Hours	_____
Course #	_____	Category	_____	Level	_____	Hours	_____

\*Possible categories are Didactic, Lab, Clinical, Precepting.

# Website Location: <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/ems-licensure/ems-instructor-licensure>



(1) [See accepted CPR and ACLS courses here.](#)

(2) See accepted Instructional Techniques Courses and EMS Instructional Preparation Curriculums below. Must be completed within the previous 3 years.

(3) For Instructor/Coordinator candidates licensed as an EMT, AEMT or Paramedic, candidate must have current NREMT at the provider level. Current EMT-Intermediates must have current NREMT EMT Certification. Current Cardiac Technicians must have current NREMT EMT Certification. Candidates who hold a non-EMS healthcare provider license (RN, PA, MD, DO, etc.) must have passed the NREMT assessment exam for the Instructor/Coordinator level being sought within the previous year.

(4) An Associate Degree or higher from an academic institution that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The degree may be in any major.

(5) [See information on this page](#) under General Requirements for All EMS License Applications.

Recognized EMS Instructor Courses

Internship for EMS Instructor/Coordinator Candidates

Verification of Active Teaching

[Verification Form of Active Teaching](#)

# Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Policy

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
POLICY # OEMS-PRO-2022-001  
CONGENITAL ADRENAL HYPERPLASIA  
TRAINING POLICY

Approval:		4/21/2022
	Richard Rhodes, State Training Coordinator, Office of EMS and Trauma	Date
		4/21/2022
	David Newton, Director, Office of EMS and Trauma	Date

**1.0 PURPOSE**

The intent of this policy is to establish guidelines for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia training for EMS personnel. This education is mandatory pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-11-5.2

**2.0 AUTHORITY**

The Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma (Department), Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Training Policy 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.) § 31-11-1 et seq.

## 5.1 EMS Personnel.

- 5.1.1 EMS Personnel whose license expires in the year 2023, who did not complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of their initial EMS education, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2023 (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) or before September 30, 2023, for EMT-R as part of their continuing education requirement.
- 5.1.2 EMS Personnel whose license expires in the year 2024, who did not complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of their initial EMS education, must complete this training on or before March 31, 2024 (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) or before September 30, 2024, for EMT-R as part of their continuing education

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<b>Department of Public Health POLICY AND PROCEDURES</b>	<b>Policy No.</b>	OEMS-PRO-2022-001		
	<b>Effective Date:</b>	04/21/2022	Revision #:	Initial
<b>Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Training</b>	<b>Page No.</b>	3 of 4		

requirement.

- 5.1.3 EMS Personnel who receive an initial EMS license after March 31, 2022, will be required to complete the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia.
- 5.1.4 Once completed, the training does not need to be completed for any future license renewal cycles.

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## 5.2 Initial EMS Education.

- 5.2.1 All initial EMS education courses beginning on or after June 1, 2022, will be required to include the Georgia OEMST Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia course on TRAIN Georgia as part of the initial EMS education curriculum.
- 5.2.2 A student only needs to complete this training once during their initial EMS education.



# CAH

The screenshot shows the TRAIN Learning Network website. At the top right, there is a dark blue bar with the text "Log In or Create Account" and a right-pointing arrow. Below this is the TRAIN logo, with "TRAIN" in blue and "Learning Network" in a smaller font. A navigation menu includes "HOME" (underlined), "COURSE CATALOG", "CALENDAR", "RESOURCES", and "HELP". A search icon is located to the right of the menu. On the left side, there is a login form with fields for "Login Name" and "Password", a "Remember me" checkbox, a blue "Login" button, a "[Can't log in?](#)" link, and a "Create an Account" button. Below the login form are two buttons: "Want to add courses to TRAIN? Become a Course Provider" and "Visit a TRAIN Affiliate site". The main content area features a "Welcome to the TRAIN Learning Network" heading, followed by a paragraph: "TRAIN is a national learning network that provides quality training opportunities for professionals who protect and improve the public's health." Below the text is a video player showing a person's hands holding a smartphone displaying a list of courses. The video player has a play button and a progress bar showing 1:47. At the bottom, there are two blue buttons: "Learn how to use TRAIN" with a graduation cap icon and "Learn more about the TRAIN Learning Network" with a network icon.

# CAH

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## TRAIN Account reminder:

- Ensure GA license numbers are correctly formatted when creating TRAIN accounts.
- Letter must be capitalized.
- License must have all zeros

Example- P012345 (one capital letter followed by 6 numbers)

# Updates to Website – Education

Brandin Gillman-Clark



# Website Reorganization

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Currently working to reorganize and update OEMST website

Most education items found under Initial and Continuing Education

Documents updated regularly. Please access required documents from the website when needed.

- Emergency Medical Services
  - Public Notices, Regional and Statewide Meetings
  - License Management System
  - EMS Licensure & Verification (Agency, Personnel, Instructor)
- EMS Initial/Continuing Education
  - Continuing Education
  - Required EMS Trainings
  - Upcoming EMS Trainings
  - EMS Initial Education
  - OEMST Webinar Updates
  - Protocols and Scope of Practice
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# Program Administration

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# Program Director

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Any time a PD is changed, you must complete the PD certification form

Submit it to OEMS and then request the change in NREMT account

\* Any substantive changes to a Program, such as PD, MD, Sponsor etc. Should be communicated to the Advisory Committee

# Clinical/Field Sites

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Make sure that any time you add a new clinical site you update your LMS account.

Any time an agreement expires, you will also need to update that agreement.

# EMS Education Consortium

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# Vision

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To create a collaborative environment where every Educator has a voice and ideas can be shared statewide among peers to foster EMS Education in Georgia

# Purpose

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Serve as a liaison between the Department and the state's EMS Education system.

Assist in the facilitation of the improvement of EMS education in the state.

# Objectives

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Promote public education and knowledge of Emergency Medical Services and EMS Education;

Promote training programs at the local and regional levels to personnel involved with the delivery of EMS;

Establish a forum where concerns related to the Regional and statewide EMS Education system(s) can be voiced; and

Establish a forum where EMS educators can discuss best practices

# Composition and Representation

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The Consortium is open to anyone with an interest in EMS Education

The Executive Committee will guide the work and solicit input, and will consist of 10-15 members

- 1 representative appointed by each REMSAC
- 1 Chair
- Up to 4 at large positions as needed, to fulfill representation requirements

# What Will it Do?

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Receive input from educators within a region about ideas, projects, plans etc. that will benefit Georgia's EMS Education system – disseminate those to Executive Committee

Receive work from OEMST and receive input from Educators within a region, compile input on best practices, and return to OEMST

- EX: File review form revision – Will be sent to Executive Committee, they will disseminate for input and compile thoughts, suggestions, best practices etc.

# EMS Education Consortium Meeting

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The first meeting of the Education Consortium will be:

August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

12:30PM-2:00PM

Central Georgia Technical College

Building I - Quad Meeting Rooms

Macon, GA

# NREMT Resolutions

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# NREMT Resolutions



The screenshot shows the NREMT website header with the logo and navigation links (HOME, SEARCH, RIC). A left sidebar contains a menu with items: Home, The Registry, Certification, Recertification, Store, Resources, and Contact Us. The main content area features the title "Policies for Public Comment" and a call to action: "Click [here](#) PDF to review the resolution on Remote Proctoring (22-Resolution-01)". Below this is a paragraph explaining that the resolution allows for live remote proctoring beyond the pandemic emergency, subject to conformance with various standards. A final call to action reads: "Click [here](#) to provide feedback and comment on this resolution".

**Policies for Public Comment**

Click [here](#) PDF to review the resolution on Remote Proctoring (22-Resolution-01)

Allows for live remote proctoring to be done going forward, beyond the pandemic emergency, subject to the consistent conformance with the Standards for Educational & Psychological Testing, the National Commission on Certifying Agencies accreditation guidelines, and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17024 guidelines, including risk analysis for each level of certification examination.

Click [here](#) to provide feedback and comment on this resolution



# NREMT Resolutions

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## Remote proctoring

- Allows for remote proctoring of some of the NREMT exams

## Distributive education limits

- Removes any limits on DE (Georgia also does not have any)

## Practice analysis

- Upgrading of exams to better measure ability

## Updated eligibility requirements

- Would remove the requirement to be accredited by CoAEMSP

# Georgia's EMS Education System

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# By the numbers!

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4/20/2022

Number of Instructors

- 542 EMS Instructors
- 16 I/C EMT
- 300 I/C AEMT
- 335 I/C Paramedic
- 115 Instructor with Paramedic Endorsement

Number of Programs (by level)

- 173 EMS Initial Education Programs
- 161 EMR
- 158 EMT
- 120 AEMT
- 37 Paramedic

7/21/2022

Number of Instructors

- 559 EMS Instructors +17
- 19 I/C EMT +3
- 307 I/C AEMT +7
- 340 I/C Paramedic +5
- 114 Instructor with Paramedic Endorsement -1

Number of Programs (by level)

- 173 EMS Initial Education Programs
- 161 EMR
- 158 EMT
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- 37 Paramedic

# By the numbers!

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Number of students:

- 2085 Students listed as "Current student" in LMS as of 7/22/2022
  - 75 EMR
  - 863 EMT
  - 449 AEMT
  - 146 AEMT/Paramedic combined
  - 552 Paramedic

# Georgia NREMT Student Survey

Ryan Hollingsworth

# Purpose

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This survey is being conducted by the Georgia OEMS to identify possible barriers that prevent candidates from obtaining NREMT certification and subsequent state licensure.

The goal of this survey is to determine three things:

- to determine why a candidate completes an initial education program and does not attempt NREMT.
- to determine why candidates do not return for subsequent attempts after failing the NREMT cognitive exam.
- to determine strategies to assist candidates in passing the NREMT cognitive exam.

# Synopsis of Ongoing Findings

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56 Responses from across the state to include EMT/AEMT/PMDC.

Emails are still going out to students.

13 have not taken the initial test

17 have only tested the NREMT once and have not gone back to retest.

No candidates have exhausted all 6 attempts.

27 stated that "lack of confidence" was the determining factor to initially test or go back to retest.

24 stated that some type of remediation would help raise their confidence to take the initial test or to retest.

# Synopsis of Ongoing Findings

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35 respondents stated that they paid for the exam or will have to pay for the exam.

5 stated it was included in tuition.

12 stated that an agency paid for their test.

40 respondents stated that cost was a factor in not testing or not retesting.

42 live within 60 minutes of a testing facility.



# How Can You Help?

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Encourage previous students who fall into these categories to fill out the survey.

As of 7/21, Georgia has 2,896 individuals who are NREMT test eligible:

- 1,721 EMT
- 955 AEMT
- 220 PMDC

Have completed a program and are NOT nationally registered

# Regional Instructor Symposiums

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# Regional Instructor Symposiums

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Region 3 – August 17<sup>th</sup>, Atlanta Fire Department

Region 8 – August 19<sup>th</sup>, Albany Technical College

Region 5 – September 14<sup>th</sup>, (tentative) Central Georgia Technical College

Region 10 – November 18<sup>th</sup>, Athens Technical College

Region 1 – December 1<sup>st</sup>, Cherokee County Fire

# NHTSA Reassessment

Kelly Joiner



# NHTSA Reassessment

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**STATE OF GEORGIA  
AN ASSESSMENT  
OF  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES**

**June 6-8, 1995**

**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration  
Technical Assistance Team**

**Nicholas Benson, MD, FACEP  
Howard Champion, MD, FACS  
John L. Chew, Jr.  
Dia Gainer, MPA  
Howard Kirlavood, JD  
Steve Mercer**

# NHTSA Reassessment

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Last assessment completed in 1995

- Georgia was one of the first states to complete this assessment
- OEMST requested the assessment in 2019, delayed due to COVID

August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>

Assessment will include EMS and Systems of Care

Will seek help and input from EMSAC and EMSMDAC

TRAINGA.org

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

# TRAIN Content Creator

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**WE WANT YOU!**

If interested in creating content for the TRAIN platform (voice over PowerPoint, and SCORM compliant), reach out to Crispin Kingrey at [crispin.kingrey@dph.ga.gov](mailto:crispin.kingrey@dph.ga.gov)



# Upcoming Meetings



# Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – Oct 11th, 2022 at 10:00am

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – August 16, 2022 at 10:00am

EMS Education Consortium – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:30PM

<https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notices-regional-and-statewide-meetings>

Note: OEMST Monthly Epi and Ops Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month

# We Want to See You!

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Let us know a date/time that you would like for us to come to your program to visit with your students

# Questions

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Contact Information:

## Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma

770-996-3133

[dph-phemsinfo@dph.ga.gov](mailto:dph-phemsinfo@dph.ga.gov)

[www.ems.ga.gov](http://www.ems.ga.gov)

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Office of Cardiac Care
> Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)
EMS Policies, Rules and Regulations