

**CHAPTER 40A****EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING****Authority**

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(a) This chapter is promulgated to carry out the provisions of the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund Act, P.L. 1992, c.143.

(b) This chapter shall apply to:

1. Any private agency, organization or entity seeking accreditation as a training agency;
2. Accredited training agencies;
3. Individuals seeking certification or recertification as an EMT or EMT-D;
4. Certified EMTs and EMTs-D;

5. Individuals authorized to function as EMTs-D, including, but not limited to, paramedics and registered nurses;

6. Individuals seeking certification or recertification as an EMT instructor; and

7. Certified EMT instructors.

### 8:40A-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, as utilized in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which they are utilized clearly indicates otherwise.

“Basic life support” means a basic level of prehospital care which includes patient stabilization, airway clearance, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, hemorrhage control, initial wound care and fracture stabilization and any other techniques and procedures specified in this chapter.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

“Defibrillation” means the discharge of electrical current through the fibrillating myocardium for the purpose of restoring a perfusing cardiac rhythm.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

“Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)” means an individual trained in basic life support services, as defined at N.J.S.A. 26:2K-21, and who is currently certified by the Commissioner to perform those services, in accordance with this chapter.

“Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillation (EMT-D)” means an emergency medical technician who is currently certified by the Commissioner to perform cardiac defibrillation, in accordance with this chapter.

“Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund Act (Act)” means P.L. 1992, c.143, as amended.

“Emergency Medical Technician Fund (Fund)” means the fund established by P.L. 1992, c.143, to reimburse any private agency, organization or entity which is accredited by the Commissioner of Health, in accordance with this chapter, to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad members who are seeking EMT or EMT-D certification or recertification.

“Minor” means an individual who has attained his or her 16th birthday but has not yet attained his or her 18th birthday.

“New Jersey State First Aid Council” means the organization incorporated under that name, which represents a majority of the volunteer first aid and rescue squads in the State of New Jersey.

“Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS)” refers to the unit of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services charged with the enforcement of this chapter.

“Program curriculum” means the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic or Emergency Medical Technician-Basic refresher: National Standard Curriculum, (as applicable to either basic or continuing education programs), promulgated by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, under the authority of 23 U.S.C. §§ 401 et seq. Copies can be obtained from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20590, or via the Internet at: WWW.NHTSA.DOT.GOV.

“State Advisory Council for Basic and Intermediate Life Support Services Training (State Advisory Council)” means the advisory body established by P.L. 1992, c.143, section 6.

“State EMT faculty” means a body of individuals appointed by the Director of OEMS who are experienced in the education of the adult student, the delivery of emergency medical services and the training of pre-hospital providers. At least two members shall be experienced emergency physicians. The faculty’s purpose is to assist the Department in the implementation of the program curriculum.

“Training agency” means any private agency, organization or entity which has been accredited by the Commissioner, in accordance with this chapter, to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad members who are seeking EMT or EMT-D certification or recertification. Only those agencies, organizations or entities which have been accredited by the Commissioner in accordance with these rules are eligible for reimbursement from the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund.

“Volunteer ambulance, first aid or rescue squad” means an organization which meets the definition of volunteer ambulance, first aid or rescue squad at N.J.S.A. 27:5F-20.

“Volunteer ambulance, first aid or rescue squad member” means an individual who is a member of, or is an applicant to become a member of, a volunteer ambulance, first aid or rescue squad, as attested to by the chief supervising officer of that squad.

### 8:40A-1.3 Discontinuance of policy manual

The Department’s “EMT-Basic Policy Manual” dated June, 1994, is discontinued effective April 21, 1997 and shall not be further utilized to govern the operation of training programs.

### 8:40A-1.4 Waiver

(a) The Commissioner or his or her designee may, in accordance with the general purposes and intent of N.J.S.A. 26:2K-1 et seq., and amendments thereto, waive sections of this chapter if, in his or her opinion, such waiver would not endanger the life, safety or health of the public.