**16** **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**163 BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MAINE EMS)**

**CHAPTER 5-B: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AMBULANCE OPERATOR LICENSES**

1. **Persons requiring a license to operate an emergency medical services ambulance:**
	1. A person not licensed under MRS 32 Chapter 2-B section 85 who is associated with a ground ambulance service shall obtain a license under this chapter to operate an emergency medical services ambulance.

* + 1. "Associated with" means a person who has a formal relationship with a transporting EMS agency, such as membership or employment, that creates a reasonable expectation that the person may be tasked with operating an ambulance as part of an emergency response or transport of a patient.
	1. This rule does not apply to a person not associated with a ground ambulance service who operates an emergency medical services ambulance.
	2. This rule takes effect six (6) months after the publication of this chapter by the Secretary of State.
1. **Requirements for licensure**

An application will not be accepted as complete unless it includes all materials required to be evaluated for licensure. To obtain a new license an applicant must

* + 1. Have reached their eighteenth birthday.
		2. Submit the following to Maine EMS:
			1. A completed Maine EMS application signed by the applicant. An application will not be accepted as complete unless it includes all materials required to be evaluated for licensure.
			2. Hold a valid state driver’s license pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 11, subchapter 1. Or qualify for an exemption under MRS 29-A Chapter 11 SS 1251 (6)
			3. Provide the following:
				1. The state or province of issuance of the driver’s license**,**
				2. The driver’s license number, and
				3. The driver’s license expiration date
	1. A complete history of criminal convictions as well as civil infractions for alcohol or drugs. Maine EMS will consider this to the extent allowed by Maine Law.
	2. A complete history of any action taken against any emergency medical services certification or license or professional certification or license that the applicant currently holds or has ever held.
1. **License Expiration and Renewal**
	1. A license issued under this chapter will be valid for up to two years. Expiration dates will be set to January 31.
	2. A renewal application will not be accepted as complete unless it includes all materials required to be evaluated for licensure. To obtain a renewed license, an applicant must.
		1. Submit the following to Maine EMS:
			1. A completed Maine EMS application signed by the applicant. An application will not be accepted as complete unless it includes all materials required to be evaluated for licensure.

* + - 1. Hold a valid state driver’s license pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 11, subchapter 1. Or qualify for an exemption under MRS 29-A Chapter 11 § 1251 (6)
			2. Provide the following:
		1. The state or province of issuance of the driver’s license,
		2. The driver’s license number, and
		3. The driver’s license expiration date
	1. Applicants for license renewal will be selected by Maine EMS on a random basis for an audit of compliance. In addition, an individual licensee may be selected for an audit as part of an investigation or if there is reasonable cause to believe the licensee has provided a false information.
	2. A person may apply for a renewal license for up to ninety (90) days after the date of expiration. The ninety-day period does not postpone the expiration date of the license. An application submitted more than 90 days after the license expiration date shall be considered an application for a new license and subject to all requirements governing new applications.
1. **Duty to Report**
2. A licensee or an applicant for licensure under this chapter shall notify the Board in writing within 10 days of a:

* 1. Change of name or address.
	2. Criminal conviction.
	3. Change in driver’s license status or conditions resulting from a revocation, suspension, or restriction.
	4. A change in the status of the exemption under MRS 29-A Chapter 11 § 1251 (6)
	5. Revocation, suspension, or other disciplinary action taken in this or any other jurisdiction against any occupational or professional license held by the applicant or licensee; or,
	6. Material change in the conditions or qualifications set forth in the original application for licensure submitted to the Board.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

32 M.R.S., Chapter 2-B.

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