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## AEMT Student Minimum Competencies FAQ

### **Why is the National Registry sunsetting the psychomotor exam?**

The National Registry is moving away from the single evaluation of skills performance by the educational institution and has indicated this cannot provide sufficient evidence of competency. Instead, they are moving to a model which identifies competent performance that must be demonstrated over time in a variety of conditions. This approach better aligns with the National Registry's accrediting organization's requirements.

### **When do the AEMT student minimum competencies become effective?**

July 1, 2024

### **What is the role of the certified AEMT training program?**

The certified AEMT training program must provide verification of the student minimum competencies prior to receiving an authorization to test (ATT) from the National Registry. An ATT from the National Registry is required for a student to be eligible to take the National Registry Cognitive Examination.

### **What if I am an AEMT student enrolled in a training program and plan to complete the psychomotor exam prior to July 1?**

The National Registry will honor the psychomotor exam until July 1, 2024. Authorized testing centers may follow the required National Registry process to offer psychomotor testing until the sunset date.

### **What if I am an AEMT student currently enrolled in a certified training program but I will not complete the psychomotor examination before July 1, 2024?**

Your training program will need to verify that you have completed the Oklahoma state-approved AEMT Student Minimum Competencies. Once this step is complete, you will be receive an ATT for the National Registry Cognitive Examination. The ATT is good for 90 days from the day it posts to your account.

### **Why are AEMT student minimum competencies necessary?**

The National Registry psychomotor examination is being sunset. Beginning July 1, 2024, the National Registry will require AEMT training program directors to verify student minimum competency in compliance with state EMS office requirements and in a manner consistent with the NASEMSO AEMT Student Minimum Competency Model Guideline.

**Who is responsible for the identification of AEMT student minimum competency requirements?**

The state EMS office is the approving organization for student minimum competency requirements. For Oklahoma, this is the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

**Will there also be changes to the National Registry Cognitive Exam?**

The National Registry has been piloting new questions for the cognitive exam since October 2022. As a result, questions on the paramedic and AEMT cognitive exams will be updated on July 1, 2024.

**How will I know what to expect on the updated cognitive exam?**

The National Registry website has information on the percentage breakdown of questions by percentage and subject matter. This information can be found in the National Registry candidate handbooks. These handbooks can be downloaded from the National Registry website.

**Are there other resources available to help prepare for the cognitive exam?**

Yes, the National Registry puts out podcasts on this and a variety of other subjects. These can be accessed through most major podcast streaming sites.

**Are there any updates happening to the National Registry website?**

Yes, the National Registry is preparing to remove the paramedic portfolio from their website soon. The Registry is recommending that anyone who may wish to use this in the future download it to their records soon. Once the portfolio is removed, anyone who does not save a copy but would like to access it will have to reach out directly to the National Registry office to request a copy.