



Resource Typing Definition for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Services

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

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| RESOURCE CATEGORY | Emergency Medical Services (EMS) |
| RESOURCE KIND | Personnel |
| OVERALL FUNCTION | The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess and triage emergent, urgent and nonurgent requests for medical care and apply basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and medical transportation to and from an emergency or healthcare facility. The EMT may also operate the ambulance when necessary |
| COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a National Incident Management System (NIMS) typed team (Ambulance Ground Team – Advanced Life Support [ALS], Ambulance Ground Team – Basic Life Support [BLS], Ambulance Strike Team – ALS, Ambulance Strike Team – BLS, or EMS Task Force) 2. Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment 3. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours and is deployable up to 14 days |

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

| COMPONENT | SINGLE TYPE | NOTES |
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| DESCRIPTION | <p>The EMT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions as part of a comprehensive EMS response, community, health or public safety system with defined clinical protocols and medical oversight 2. Performs interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance to manage life threats, medical needs and psychological needs 3. Assesses patient conditions, provides stabilizing measures and requests additional resources, as necessary 4. May provide minimal supervision to lower-level or equal-level personnel 5. Provides an important link within the continuum of the emergency care system from an out-of-hospital response through the delivery of patients to definitive care 6. Operates an assigned ambulance or emergency vehicle used for patient care and transport, commensurate with level of emergency vehicle training, as required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) | Not Specified |
| EDUCATION | Successful completion of a state, local, tribe or territory-approved EMT training program that meets or exceeds National EMS Education Standards | Not Specified |



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| TRAINING | Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in ambulance and emergency vehicle operations, or equivalent as required by AHJ 6. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 8. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens | Not Specified |
| EXPERIENCE | Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Current active status with a state, local, tribe or territory approved EMS agency, practicing at the EMT level | Not Specified |
| PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Maintain immunizations in accordance with current AHJ requirements | The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions |
| CURRENCY | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complies with accrediting entity, agency or body's established annual recertification, training and education, such as continuing education units or professional development hours, which may vary by organization, department and agency 2. Maintain immunizations in accordance with AHJ requirements 3. Background checks as applicable law permits or as required by the AHJ | The provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include the following: background check currency within twelve months; sex offender registry check; and a local, state, and national-based criminal history |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State, local, tribe or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as an EMT 2. Emergency vehicle operator certification, as required by the AHJ | Can operate to the skill level approved by their home state or medical director |



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team – Advanced Life Support (ALS)
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Ground Team – Basic Life Support (BLS)
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team – Advanced Life Support (ALS)
4. FEMA, NIMS 508: Ambulance Strike Team – Basic Life Support (BLS)
5. FEMA, NIMS 508: EMS Task Force
6. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
7. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
8. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
9. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100
10. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200
11. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction
12. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction
13. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Association of State EMS Officials, National EMS Scope of Practice Model 2019 (DOT HS 812-666), February 2019
14. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, 2021
15. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
16. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
17. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted