The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) is transitioning its pencil-and-paper exams to computer based testing starting in January 2007.

The NREMT has selected Pearson VUE to provide computer based test delivery of the NREMT exam. Pearson VUE provides innovative electronic testing solutions that enhance the performance, reliability and security of high-stakes testing programs throughout the world.

Pearson VUE clients include:

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing
- American Board of Emergency Medicine
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Surgery
- And many more allied health disciplines!

As with all of its endeavors, the National Registry's primary interest is the safety of the American public. By implementing computer based testing, we will be able to verify, with increased accuracy, that every candidate who passes the NREMT exam possesses the necessary skills and knowledge to competently provide entry-level, pre-hospital emergency medical care. For this reason, **your support of computer based testing is vital.**

Registration and Exam Fees

Typical fees for computer based testing for health career certifications can range from $125 to $1700. The National Registry was successful in negotiating a very competitive price for its computer based testing program, because it is testing a large number of people nationwide.

Exam fees cover both the NREMT registration fee and testing center cost and will be the same regardless of the location at which the test is administered.

EXAM FEES *Effective January 1, 2007*

EMT LEVEL	EXAM FEES
FIRST RESPONDER	$65
EMT-BASIC	$70
EMT-INTERMEDIATE/85	$100
EMT-INTERMEDIATE/99	$100
PARAMEDIC	$110

The National Registry is committed to keeping its fees as low as possible. This is only the second time that the National Registry has raised the cost of its exam fees since it was founded in 1970.

The NREMT anticipates both candidates and employers will experience economic benefits with computer based testing. After passing the exam and obtaining state licensure, candidates will be able to start working and serving their communities more quickly, and employers will be able to hire qualified EMTs sooner.

During the remainder of 2006 and through 2007 the Registry will be providing all the information needed to make the transition to computer based testing a smooth process. Every state will be visited, up-to-date information will be available on the Registry website, and an educational CD will be produced. Look for more information soon!

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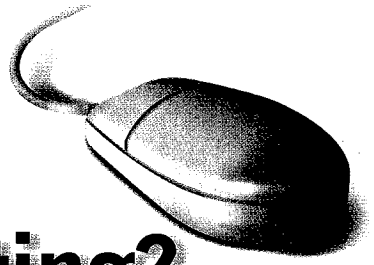
Why Transition to Computer Based Testing?



Rapid Turnaround of Test Results

After January 1, 2007, it will no longer take four to six weeks to receive NREMT exam results! With computer based testing, results will be available to candidates and state licensing agencies in most cases the next business day, helping to fill vital EMS positions with qualified, licensed professionals much more quickly.

Upon completion of the NREMT exam, candidates' results are transmitted electronically as encrypted, secure data to the National Registry, posted to the NREMT Web site (**www.nremt.org**) and automatically sent to the appropriate state licensing agency.

Increased Testing Flexibility

Qualified NREMT candidates can now test when they are ready and at a time that is convenient to them at hundreds of testing centers located in every state across the country. Exams can be taken during the day, and in certain circumstances, in the evening and on weekends.

These testing centers provide a carefully controlled testing environment that encourages peak performance for candidates. Each location is quiet with minimal distractions.

More Accurate Evaluation

Computer based testing allows the National Registry to take advantage of one the most accurate methods for determining professional competency – computer adaptive testing (CAT).

Each candidate is given a set of starting questions. Based on answers to those questions, the computer estimates the candidate's ability and selects the next set of questions.

With each answered question, the computer will re-estimate the candidate's ability and select questions that he or she will find challenging. As the exam progresses, the ability estimate becomes more precise.

This state-of-the-art type of testing is based entirely on individual ability, more accurately demonstrating the candidate's competency as an EMT.

Increased Security

Each test center is a highly secure environment with many processes in place to protect the integrity of the NREMT testing program. An intricate system of physical, password and encryption security is based on the latest technologies to ensure protection of confidential data.

These security measures:

- Prevent unauthorized access to test items, test results, candidate data, testing schedules and other sensitive data
- Include strictly enforced procedures to confirm the identity of candidates
- Ensure candidates are properly monitored by trained professionals using electronic surveillance technology throughout the testing experience

Easier Registration and Scheduling

Computer based testing makes registering for and scheduling the NREMT exam easier too!

Candidates will now be able to register to take an exam and pay online. Once they have successfully completed all of the necessary steps (including training and state verification), candidates can schedule their test. Based on availability at the testing center, a candidate may even be able to test on the same day he or she calls to schedule an exam!

And candidates who need to retake the exam will be able to retest much sooner!