



23-RESOLUTION-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY ALS REDESIGN IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF JULY 1, 2024, FOR AEMT AND PARAMEDIC EXAMINATIONS

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competence of emergency medical services (EMS) clinicians; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry strives to maintain standards of excellence as established by the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.) National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) accreditation standards; and

WHEREAS, it was noted in November 2019 that abrupt changes to, or elimination of the ALS psychomotor examination will bring disruption to the EMS profession and sufficient notice (time) to stakeholders of any revision to the examinations must take place in an orderly manner to ensure continued stakeholder confidence and to prevent disruption to the profession; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2018, the Board of Directors approved 18-RESOLUTION-08 which supported the adoption of the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*, thus authorizing the *Standards* as the standard for high-stakes certification examinations; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2018, the Board of Directors approved 18-RESOLUTION-09 to adopt the Examinations Improvement Plan as presented in the *Examinations Development and NCCA Response Plan Project Overview*; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019, the Board of Directors approved 19-MOTION-11 to continue to support the ALS Examinations Improvement Plan which included sunsetting the ALS psychomotor examination; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Board of Directors approved the 2019 ALS Practice Analysis as 20-MOTION-09 and later approved the 2021 ALS Practice Analysis Addendum on June 15, 2022, which served as the basis for adding a clinical judgement domain to the ALS examinations; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Board of Directors approved 21-MOTION-12 to support the ALS Redesign Project Plan Update which included moving the current ALS psychomotor examination measures for soft skills, leadership, communication, critical thinking, and clinical judgement to a cognitive-based performance examination before end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, communication with National Registry partners including but not limited to State Officials (NASEMSO), CoAEMSP, Program Directors, EMS Agencies, Certificants has been ongoing as to not disrupt the EMS community or make abrupt change.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors directs the Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer to begin issuing the ALS Performance Examination and no longer provide the ALS Cognitive Examination as of July 1, 2024 and begin sunsetting the ALS Psychomotor Examination within the following parameters:

- Publicly communicate a transition plan which outlines effective dates and candidate pathways for successful completion of eligibility criteria for National Registry AEMT and Paramedic certification.
- Discontinue AEMT and Paramedic level cognitive examination as of 00:01 EST on July 1, 2024.
- Discontinue the AEMT and Paramedic level psychomotor examination for candidates who have not successfully passed a cognitive examination within their 2-year eligibility timeframe.
- Discontinue AEMT and Paramedic level psychomotor examinations by 00:01 EST on July 1, 2025. Candidates with course eligibility are to be directed to the new examination.
- Begin offering the new AEMT and Paramedic level examinations on July 1, 2024.
- Make no changes to the EMR and EMT eligibility or examination requirements.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS BY RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 ON THE 12 DAY OF APRIL 2023.