

EMS Identification Card Photo Requirements

This document is only for existing EMS personnel. New Licensees cannot use these guidelines.

The Office of Emergency Medical Service & Trauma requires that each individual EMS Professional maintain an updated identification Photo on file. This photo will be used for Identity verification in the office as well as printed on each individual license to ensure the validity of EMS Professionals within and outside the state of Alabama.

It is important to remember that the EMS ID must be able to allow other national organizations as well as the residents of Alabama to identify an individual as an EMS Professional. The following requirements will ensure that your photos are acceptable for use by The Office of EMS & Trauma:




1. Use a digital camera, by an authorized person.
2. Include full face, front view with opened eyes, in EMS uniform preferred.
3. Ensure photo presents from top of head to just below mid chest.
4. Photo must have individual's license number displayed at mid-chest level (4-6 inches below chin).
(License # picture card available at <http://adph.org/ems>)
5. Photo must be taken in a plain white or off-white background.
6. Avoid shadows or reflections on the face or background.
7. Face should have a natural expression (closed mouth).
8. Photo should not include hats or other than clear prescription glasses.
9. Must present documentation of identity (to picture taking individual).

Good Picture

Poor Picture

Problems with picture

Final cropped picture

		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Wearing hat2. Must be able to see eyes3. Number Upside Down4. Number too low5. Picture Zoomed out too far6. No name on Picture Card	
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Authorized photograph locations are:

1. Training Officer at the licensed service you work for.
2. An EMS Region Office
3. The State EMS Office in Montgomery

If you cannot have a photo taken at an authorized location or you are a newly licensed medic refer to the linked document: <http://www.adph.org/ems/assets/FirstTimeLicenseePhotoRequirements.pdf>

The Office of EMS&T retains the right to reject any photos that are found to be outside of the above state requirements.