

In May 2011, new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Rules were passed by the Alabama State Committee of Public Health. This is the first major change of EMS education in over 20 years. How this change significantly affects you is Alabama is in the process of becoming a complete National Registry of EMT State. Everyone who had to pass the Registry to obtain EMS licensure in Alabama will have to regain their Registry in order to renew their Alabama State EMS license in 2013 and beyond. Alabama is in a unique position; we have been given the opportunity for every EMS person to regain their Registry without having to retake the exam. This is an unprecedented opportunity that Alabama has embraced and is taking full advantage of. All 2011 Alabama State license renewals will have to have a current National Registry card and Alabama Protocols to renew their license in 2013. If you do not have your Registry card in 2013 you will not be eligible for renewal. The Mark King Amnesty project, which is described below, is the process you must go through to regain your Registry card and be eligible for re-licensure in 2013. If you have a 2013 renewal date you have until December 30, 2011 to regain your Registry, after this date you will not be eligible for licensing in Alabama unless you retake the Registry written and practical exam. As of this date, of the approximate 4,700 Emergency Medical Services Personnel (EMSPs) who renewed their license in 2011, only 800 have regained the required Registry for their 2013 license renewal. Listed below are information bullets that are important to all EMSPs.

National Registry amnesty for 2011 AL license renewal ends December 30, 2011, if you do not regain your Registry you will have to retake the Registry written and practical exam in 2012 to be eligible for renewal in 2013 (refresher for your level, testing fee, and pass the written and practical exam).

- * 2013 Alabama EMS License Renewals must have Registry and AL Protocols to renew their license.
- * If you never had the National Registry you are not eligible for the Amnesty Project and are **not** required to have the Registry to renew (you must have the 72 hours of con-ed as required by Registry).
- * The 2011 Amnesty is good for only the individuals who renewed their AL license in 2011.
- * The 2012 EMS License renewals will be eligible in June of 2012 to regain their Registry (same process, different time frame).
- * There is no option on whether or not to get your Registry, if you had to pass it to get licensed you have to regain it to renew your license.
- * All EMS Services please verify your employees are eligible for State license renewal (National Registry and AL Protocols).
- * If you are currently Nationally Registered, you have to maintain your certification, no action is required.

National Registry Amnesty

Reinstatement of National EMS Certification for Alabama EMS Licensure

Instructions for the Alabama/NREMT – Mark King Initiative

Follow These Simple Steps to Apply (2011 Alabama State License Renewals ONLY):

- Create an account on the NREMT website.
- Go to www.nremt.org, click on ‘Create New Account’ located near the upper left corner and follow the instructions. Request User role of: ‘National certified EMS professional.’
- Login with the User name and Password you created – follow the prompts to ‘Manage your NREMT profile’ by completing the requested information (name, address, etc.).
- When your profile is complete, click on ‘CBT Candidates.’
- Locate the ‘Mark King Initiative’ section in the center of the screen. Use the drop down field to select ‘Alabama’, click Submit.
- The system will process your request to determine your eligibility (if you are not eligible and believe you should be, please contact the Alabama Office of EMS and Trauma).
- Pay the current National Registry Recertification application fee (EMT-Basic and Intermediate: \$15.00; Paramedic: \$20).
- The NREMT will issue you a National EMS Certification card and provide you with recertification requirements.
- You will continue to recertify with the NREMT throughout your EMS career as a requirement of your Alabama State License.

Deadline to Apply – December 31, 2011

Alabama EMS providers who renewed their Alabama state license in 2011 have until December 31, 2011 to create an account and apply for reinstatement. You must have your registry card to renew your license in 2013.

Failure to do so will disqualify you for reinstatement and you will need to re-enter the National Registry following the current entry requirements (proof of state licensure, documentation of a refresher, verification of skills and successful completion of the current National EMS Certification examination).

Alabama EMS providers who will renew their State license in 2012 must wait until after they have renewed their Alabama State license. The same process will be available for them beginning June 1, 2012.

Alabama EMS providers who have NEVER been Nationally Registered will have to complete the same continuing education requirements as everyone else and will need to have their hours available for renewal, but will NOT have to provide a Registry card.

Mr. Mark E. King (1953-2006) was the State EMS Director for West Virginia, a former NREMT Board member and an EMS provider for over 25 years. It was a vision of his to see States move to requiring EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a part of moving the EMS profession forward and promoting National EMS Standards. It is in recognition of his vision and contributions to the EMS Community that this initiative is named in his honor.

Participation in the Mark King Initiative is authorized by State EMS Agencies who require EMS providers to maintain their National EMS Certification as a condition of their continued state certification/licensure.