

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Fees

The Office of Public Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) is responsible for the overall planning, coordination, licensing and regulation of Louisiana's EMS system. There are approximately 24,000 EMS practitioners who possess a license that is valid for two years. Each year, approximately one-half of these practitioners renew their license, and nearly 1,200 initial applications for licensing are processed.

In addition to licensing, BEMS is responsible for conducting psychomotor exams that verify a candidate's skill competency. Over 1,800 candidates participated in a psychomotor exam during FY17.

Last Fee Revision: January, 2001

OPH Fees:

PSYCHOMOTOR EXAM FEE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN EXAM FEES	
EMT Initial Psychomotor Exam	\$60.00
EMT Psychomotor Retest	\$15.00
ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN EXAM FEES	
Advanced EMT Initial Psychomotor Exam	\$75.00
Advanced EMT Retest	\$30.00
PARAMEDIC EXAM FEES	
Paramedic Initial Psychomotor Exam	\$90.00
Paramedic Retest	35.00

LICENSING FEES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE	
EMR Initial License (volunteer)	\$0.00
EMR Initial License	\$10.00
EMR License Renewal (volunteer)	\$0.00
EMR License Renewal	\$5.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	
EMT Initial License (volunteer)	\$0.00
EMT Initial License (municipal)	\$10.00
EMT Initial License	\$30.00
EMT License Renewal (volunteer)	\$0.00
EMT License Renewal (municipal)	\$5.00
EMT License Renewal	\$25.00
EMT Reciprocity License	\$60.00
ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN	
AEMT Initial License	\$40.00
AEMT License Renewal	\$35.00
AEMT Reciprocity License	\$80.00
PARAMEDIC	
Paramedic Initial License	\$50.00
Paramedic License Renewal	\$45.00
Paramedic Reciprocity License	\$100.00

Revised Statute 1133.2 defines the fees that are permitted to be charged to EMS practitioners. The practitioners that are included in the “volunteer” category include any person who received no compensation for responding to emergency calls; high school students; and students enlisted in the military.

Bureau of Emergency Management Services	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Units of Service	9045	8307	8762	8704	8591
OPH Cost per Unit of Service	\$116.92	\$127.11	\$97.58	\$113.67	\$112.53
Average Fee Charged per Service	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42	\$42
Cost per service	(\$74.92)	(\$85.11)	(\$55.58)	(\$71.67)	(\$70.53)

Financial Analysis:

Bureau of Emergency Management Services	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Fees/Self Gen Revenues	\$379,873	\$348,883	\$368,005	\$365,587	\$360,825
Expenditures	\$1,057,491	\$1,055,834	\$855,034	\$989,453	\$966,774
Ratio of Revenues to Expenditures	0.3592	0.3304	0.4304	0.3695	0.3732

Other Means of Finance:

Bureau of Emergency Management Services	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
State General Fund/ Local	\$382,574	\$381,029	\$251,971	\$338,525	\$323,842
Interagency Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Statutory Dedications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$295,044	\$325,922	\$235,058	\$285,341	\$282,107

Comparison to Fees in Other States:

EXAM FEES						
State	EMT	EMT Retest	AEMT	AEMT Retest	Paramedic	Paramedic Retest
Louisiana	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$75.00*	\$30.00	\$90.00*	\$35.00*
Mississippi	All Psychomotor exams are administered through state approved EMT training programs.					
Alabama	All Psychomotor exams are administered through state approved EMT training programs.					
Texas	All Psychomotor exams are administered through a state approved EMT training program.					

*Fees increase for out of state residents \$100.00, \$125.00, \$40.00 respectively

LICENSE FEES								
State	EMR	EMR Renewal	EMT	EMT Renewal	AEMT	AEMT Renewal	Paramedic	Paramedic Renewal
Louisiana	\$10.00*	\$5.00*	\$30.00*	\$25.00*	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$45.00
Mississippi	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00**	\$40.00	--	--	\$40.00	\$40.00
Alabama	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Texas***	--	--	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$96.00	\$96.00	\$126.00	\$126.00
RECIPROCALITY FEES								
Louisiana	--	--	\$60.00	--	\$80.00	--	\$100.00	--
Mississippi	--	--	\$25.00	--	\$25.00	--	\$25.00	--
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Texas	--	--	\$126.00	--	\$126.00	--	\$126.00	--

*Fee waived for those qualifying for volunteer/Reduced to \$15.00 and \$10.00 for municipal employees

**Fee waived for active military

***Fees waived for those qualifying for volunteer

Bureau of EMS Fee Statute

§1133.2. Fee schedule; fees for license prohibited

A.

- (1) The bureau shall not require or collect any fee or charges for licensure or license renewal of emergency medical services practitioners who serve as such on a voluntary basis and who receive no compensation of any kind for such services.
- (2) The bureau shall not set the fee for licensure of an emergency medical technician to exceed fifteen dollars for any individual who is an employee or volunteer of the state of Louisiana or another public entity, a municipal fire department, a fire protection district, a volunteer fire department, or a municipal law enforcement agency who does not perform emergency medical services outside of the individual's official governmental responsibilities for any form of compensation.
- (3) The bureau shall not set the fee for license renewal of an emergency medical technician to exceed ten dollars for any individual who is an employee or volunteer of the state of Louisiana or another public entity, a municipal fire department, a fire protection district, a volunteer fire department, or a municipal law enforcement agency who does not perform emergency medical services outside of the individual's official governmental responsibilities for any form of compensation.

B. Except as provided in Subsection A of this Section, the bureau shall assess fees for testing and licenses based on the following schedule:

(1) Test fees:	Fee
(a) Emergency medical responder - written only	\$15.00
(b) Emergency medical responder - written only (out of state)	\$15.00
(c) Emergency medical technician initial written & practical	\$60.00
(d) Emergency medical technician entire practical exam	\$30.00
(e) Emergency medical technician partial practical	\$15.00
(f) Emergency medical technician testing/retesting-written only	\$15.00
(g) Emergency medical technician testing/retesting-written only (out of state)	\$15.00
(h) Advanced emergency medical technician initial written & practical	\$75.00
(i) Advanced emergency med tech initial written & practical (out of state)	\$100.00
(j) Advanced emergency medical technician retest entire practical	\$50.00
(k) Advanced emergency medical technician retest entire practical (out of state)	\$65.00
(l) Advanced emergency medical technician retest partial practical	\$30.00
(m) Advanced emergency medical technician retest partial practical (out of state)	\$30.00
(n) Advanced emergency med tech testing/retesting-written only (exam only)	\$15.00
(o) Adv. emergency med techn test/retesting-written only (exam only)(out of state)	\$15.00
(p) Paramedic initial written & practical	\$90.00
(q) Paramedic initial written & practical (out of state)	\$125.00
(r) Paramedic retesting-entire practical	\$60.00
(s) Paramedic retesting-entire practical (out of state)	\$75.00
(t) Paramedic retesting-partial practical	\$35.00
(u) Paramedic retesting-partial practical (out of state)	\$40.00
(v) Paramedic testing/retesting written	\$15.00
(w) Paramedic testing/retesting written (out of state)	\$15.00
(2) License fees	
(a) Emergency medical responder	\$10.00

	(b)	Emergency medical technician	\$30.00
	(c)	Advanced emergency medical technician	\$40.00
	(d)	Paramedic	\$50.00
(3)		Recertification	
	(a)	Emergency medical responder	\$5.00
	(b)	Emergency medical technician	\$25.00
	(c)	Advanced emergency medical technician	\$35.00
	(d)	Paramedic	\$45.00
(4)		Reciprocity	
	(a)	Emergency medical technician	\$60.00
	(b)	Advanced emergency medical technician	\$80.00
	(c)	Paramedic	\$100.00

C. The department may adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the collection of fees required by the fee schedule provided in this Section.

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