

64J-1.002 Basic Life Support Service License - Ground.

(1) To obtain a license or renewal each applicant for a basic life support (BLS) license shall submit a ~~a~~ complete application to the department on DH Form 631, 07/2022 04/09, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application. This form is incorporated by reference and is available ~~from the department~~ at www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-system/ documents/dh-form-631.pdf and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at http://www.fl-ems.com. The BLS license expires 2 years from the date of issuance.

(2) The department shall issue a license to any applicant who:

(a) ~~Furnished evidence of insurance coverage for claims arising out of injury or death of persons and damage to the property of others resulting from any cause for which the owner of said business or service would be liable. Each motor vehicle, shall be insured for the sum of at least \$100,000 for injuries to or death of any one person arising out of any one accident; the sum of at least \$300,000 for injuries to or death of more than one person in any one accident; and, for the sum of at least \$50,000 for damage to property arising from any one accident. Government operated service vehicles shall be insured for the sum of at least \$100,000 for any claim or judgment and the sum of \$200,000 total for all claims or judgments arising out of the same occurrence. Every insurance policy or contract for such insurance shall provide for the payment and satisfaction of any financial judgment entered against the operator and present insured, or any person driving the insured vehicle. All such insurance policies shall provide for 30 day cancellation notice to the department.~~

(b) ~~Obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).~~

(2)(3) Each BLS provider shall ensure and document in its employee records that each emergency medical technician (EMT) of its EMTs and paramedic paramedics whom the provider employs holds hold a current certification from the department.

(3)(4) Every provider, except those exempted in Rule 64J-1.006(1), F.A.C. paragraph 64J-1.006(1)(a), F.A.C., shall ensure that each EMS vehicle permitted by the department, when available for call, shall be equipped and maintained as approved by the medical director of the service in the vehicle minimum equipment list. The vehicle minimum equipment list shall include; at least a minimum, one each of the items listed in Table I and shall be provided to the department upon request.

TABLE I GROUND VEHICLE BLS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	
ITEM	QTY.
1. through 17. No change.	
18. Portable suction device ; electric or gas powered, with wide bore tubing and tips which meet the minimum standards as published by the GSA in KKK A 1822E specifications.	
19. through 36. No change.	
37. Tourniquet	
38. Glucometer	

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64J-1.003 Advanced Life Support Service License – Ground.

(1) To obtain a license or renewal each applicant for an advanced life support (ALS) license shall submit to the department a complete DH Form 631, 07/2022 04/09, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider Ground Ambulance Service Provider License Application (see rule 64J-1.002(1)), which is incorporated by reference and available from the department as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at http://www.fl-ems.com. The ALS license expires 2 years from the date of issuance.

(2) Each ALS provider shall ensure and document in its employee records that each emergency medical

technician (EMT) of its EMTs and paramedic paramedics whom the provider employs holds hold a current certification from the department.

(3) No change.

(4) Each ALS permitted vehicle when available for call, shall be equipped and maintained as approved by the medical director of the service in the vehicle minimum equipment list. The vehicle minimum equipment list shall include, at least a minimum, one each of the items listed in Tables I and II, and shall be provided to the department upon request, except those exempted in Rule 64J-1.006(1), F.A.C. paragraph 64J-1.006(1)(a), F.A.C. Substitutions are allowed with signed approval from the medical director and written notification to the department.

(5) No change.

(6) ALS ~~non-transport~~ ~~Nontransport~~:

(a) Unless otherwise specifically exempted, each ~~ALS advanced life support non-transport nontransport~~ vehicle, when personnel are providing ALS ~~advanced life support~~ treatment or care, must be staffed with a certified paramedic or licensed physician.

(b) A permitted ~~ALS advanced life support non-transport nontransport~~ vehicle may operate as a BLS basic life support emergency vehicle when the vehicle is not staffed by a certified paramedic or licensed physician and only in lieu of placing the unit completely out of service. When such ~~ALS advanced life support non-transport nontransport~~ vehicle is operating under this section, the vehicle must be staffed with at least one ~~person who must be an EMT emergency medical technician~~, and shall carry portable oxygen, airway adjuncts, supplies and equipment as determined by the medical director of the ~~ALS provider licensed service~~.

1. through 2. No change.

(c) Unless otherwise specifically exempted, the following ~~ALS advanced life support~~ non-transport vehicles when personnel are providing emergency treatment or care, must be staffed, at a minimum, with a certified paramedic or licensed physician:

1. ~~ALS Advanced life support~~ vehicles that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care during special events or activities or in locations where access by permitted transport vehicles is restricted or limited.

2. ~~ALS Advanced life support~~ vehicles that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care in vehicles that cannot accommodate two persons, due to design and construction of the vehicle.

3. ~~ALS Advanced life support~~ vehicles under 13,000 pounds gross vehicle weight that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care and are met at the scene by other concurrently responding permitted vehicles. Examples include vehicles that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care within a gated or restricted community that is established pursuant to Chapter 190, F.S.; vehicles that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care which are owned or operated by counties or municipalities established pursuant to Chapter 125 or 166, F.S.; or vehicles that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment and care which are owned or operated by ~~ALS advanced life support~~ services licensees. Vehicles staffed pursuant to this section shall operate in accordance with a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).

4. ~~ALS Advanced life support~~ non-transport vehicle over 13,000 pounds gross vehicle weight that respond to requests to provide emergency treatment or care. Vehicles staffed pursuant to this section shall operate in accordance with a COPCN certificate of public convenience and necessity.

(d) through (e). No change.

(7) ~~ALS Advanced life support~~ non-transport vehicles, staffed pursuant to paragraph 64J-1.003(6)(c), F.A.C., are not required to carry the equipment and supplies identified in Table I or II. Such vehicles when personnel are providing ~~ALS advanced life support~~ treatment or care, or when responding to calls in an ALS capacity shall at a minimum carry portable oxygen, defibrillation equipment, airway management supplies and equipment, and medications and fluids authorized by the medical director of the licensed service.

TABLE II GROUND VEHICLE ALS EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND MEDICATIONS	
<u>MEDICATIONS: All additional ALS supplies and medications specified by the EMS Medical Director to include at a minimum the ability to carry out all standing and verbal orders and manage the following medical conditions:</u>	<u>WT/VOL</u>
<u>Acute Coronary Syndrome/Cardiac Dysrhythmias</u>	
<u>Acute pain</u>	
<u>Asthma/COPD/Hypoxia or other respiratory emergencies</u>	

Behavioral emergencies	
Diabetic emergencies	
Trauma/Hemorrhage/Volume depletion/Shock	
Opioid overdose	
Seizures	
1. Atropine Sulfate.	
2. Dextrose, 50 percent.	
3. Epinephrine HCL.	1:1,000
4. Epinephrine HCL.	1:10,000
5. Ventricular dysrhythmic.	
6. Benzodiazepine sedative/anticonvulsant.	
7. Naloxone (Narean).	
8. Nitroglycerin.	0.4 mg.
9. Inhalant beta adrenergic agent with nebulizer apparatus, as approved by the medical director.	
I.V. SOLUTIONS	
1. Lactated Ringers or Normal Saline.	
EQUIPMENT: ALS equipment approved by the EMS Medical Director to include at a minimum:	
Airway adjuncts for adult and pediatric	
IV/IO administration supplies for adult and Pediatric	
Cardiac Monitor capable of 12 Lead EKG	
External defibrillator w/supplies for adult and pediatric	
External Pacer w/supplies	
Electronic waveform capnography capable of real-time monitoring and recording	
Glucometer	
Pediatric length-based device or system for equipment selection and drug dosage	
Needle Thoracostomy device	
(a) Laryngoscope handle with batteries.	
(b) Laryngoscope blades; adult, child and infant sizes.	
(c) Pediatric I.V. arm board or splint appropriate for I.V. stabilization.	
(d) Disposable endotracheal tubes; adult, child and infant sizes. Those below 5.5 mm shall be uncuffed. 2.5 mm — 5.0 mm uncuffed; 5.5 mm — 7.0 mm; 7.5 mm — 9.0 mm).	
(e) Endotracheal tube stylets pediatric and adult.	
(f) Magill forceps, pediatric and adult sizes.	
(g) Device for intratracheal meconium suctioning in newborns.	
(h) Tourniquets.	
(i) I.V. cannulae 14 thru 24 gauge.	
(j) Micro drip sets.	
(k) Macro drip sets.	
(l) I.V. pressure infuser.	
(m) Needles 18 thru 25 gauge.	
(n) Intraosseous needles and three way stop cocks.	
(o) Syringes, from 1 ml. to 20 ml.	
(p) D.C. battery powered portable monitor with defibrillation and pacing capabilities, ECG printout and spare battery. The unit shall be capable of delivering pediatric defibrillation (energy below 25 watts/sec and appropriate equipment).	
(q) Monitoring electrodes for adults and pediatrics.	
(r) Pacing electrodes. Pediatric and Adult.	
(s) Glucometer.	
(t) Approved sharps container per Chapter 64E-16, F.A.C.	

(u) Flexible suction catheters.	
(v) Electronic waveform capnography capable of real time monitoring and printing record of the intubated patient (effective 01/01/2008).	

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64J-1.005 Air Ambulances.

(1) Each applicant for an air ambulance license shall ~~pay the required fee as specified in Section 401.34(1)(j), F.S., and submit a an complete DH Form 631, 07/2022, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider Application application to the department on DH Form 1575, 04/09, Air Ambulance Service License Application which is incorporated by reference and available from the department as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at <http://www.fl-ems.com>. The air ambulance license shall automatically expires~~ expire 2 years from the date of issuance.

(2) Each air ambulance applicant or provider, pursuant to subsection 64J-1.014(1), F.A.C., shall maintain on site and make available to the department documentation of changes in insurance coverage, at license application, license application renewal, change of insurance carrier, or policy limits, and renewal, and documentation of the following minimum insurance coverage:

(a) Each aircraft shall be insured for the sum of at least \$100,000.00 for injuries to or death of any one person arising out of any one accident and the sum of at least \$300,000.00 for injuries to or death of more than one person in any one accident. Any such policy on a leased aircraft must identify both the owner and the lessee of the aircraft.

(b) In lieu of the insurance required in paragraph (2)(a), the provider or applicant may furnish a certificate of self insurance establishing that the provider or applicant has a self insurance plan to provide coverage identical to what is required in paragraph (2)(a), and that the plan has been approved by the Department of Insurance.

(3) No change.

(4) Each provider shall maintain in each paramedic's employment file documentation of successful completion of an initial air crew member (ACM) education program that was conducted in accordance with the Association of Air Medical Services, Guidelines for Air Medical Crew Education (2004) 1988 United States (U.S.) Department of Transportation (DOT) Air Medical Crew Advanced National Standard Curriculum (NSC), which is incorporated by reference and is available at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX for purchase from AAMS, 526 King Street, Suite 415, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703)836-8732. Each provider shall ensure and shall document in its employee records that each EMT and paramedic whom ~~which~~ it employs holds a current certification from the department.

(5) No change.

(6) Each ~~prehospital~~ air ambulance provider shall staff the aircraft with a minimum of one ~~person who shall be a~~ paramedic who meets the criteria in (4), above subsection 64J-1.005(4), F.A.C.

(7) No change.

(8) Each ~~prehospital~~ rotary wing air ambulance when available for call shall meet the structural requirements listed in Table III, and shall be equipped as approved by the medical director of the service in the aircraft minimum equipment list. The aircraft minimum equipment list shall include, at least a minimum, ~~at least a minimum~~, one each of the items listed in Table IV and shall be provided to the department upon request.

Rulemaking Authority ~~395.405, 381.0011, 401.25(1), (2), 401.251(2)-(4), (6), 401.265(5), 401.27(2), (4), (5)-(8), (11), (13), 401.35 FS. Law Implemented 381.0205 381.0011, 395.405, 395.4045(4), (5), (8), 401.23, 401.24(2), 401.25(1), (2), (5), 401.251, 401.252, 401.26, 401.265(1), (5), 401.27, 401.30, 401.31, 401.321, 401.34, 401.35, 401.41, 401.411, 401.414, 401.421 FS. History—New 11-29-82, Amended 4-26-84, 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.51, Amended 4-12-88, 8-3-88, 8-7-89, 12-10-92, 11-30-93, 10-2-94, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.051, Amended 1-3-99, 9-3-00, 5-15-01, 12-18-06, Formerly 64E-2.005, Amended 9-2-09, _____.~~

64J-1.006 Neonatal Transports.

(1) through (4). No change.

(5) Each ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transport shall be staffed with a minimum of two persons, excluding the driver or pilot. One person shall be a ~~r~~Registered ~~n~~Nurse (RN), the second person shall be either an RN, a respiratory therapist (RT), or a paramedic. Physicians may be substituted by the ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director for either of the two persons. The staffing for each ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transport shall be determined by the ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director. The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director shall confirm that the staffing for each ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transport is capable of performing neonatal ALS advanced life support procedures, as referenced by the American Academy of Pediatrics in *Guidelines for Air and Ground Transport of Neonatal and Pediatric Patients*, 4th ~~3rd~~ ed, 2016 2007, which is incorporated by reference and available for purchase at shop.aap.org/guidelines-for-air-and-ground-transport-of-neonatal-and-pediatric-patients-4th-edition-paperback/ and is available for examination and inspection at the Florida Department of State, Room 701, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400 and at the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32311-7840 <http://www.aap.org>. The agency has determined that posting this publication on the Internet for purposes of public inspection and examination would constitute a violation of federal copyright law.

(a) The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director shall confirm the RN is licensed in accordance with Chapter 464, F.S.; has a minimum of 4,000 hours RN experience, which includes 2,000 hours of nursing experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nursing experience; has an American Heart Association (AHA) Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Certification and has accompanied a minimum of six ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transports prior to staffing a ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transport as the only RN in attendance.

(b) The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director shall confirm the RT is registered by the National Board of Respiratory Care with a minimum of 2,000 hours of experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates NICU experience or is certified as a RT with a minimum of 3,000 hours of experience caring for Level II or Level III neonates NICU experience. The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director shall also confirm that the RT has:

1. No change.
2. Accompanied a minimum of six ~~n~~Neonatal ~~t~~Transports prior to staffing a transport as the only RT in attendance.

(c) The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director shall confirm the paramedic is a Florida-licensed paramedic with a minimum of 5,000 hours experience and has an AHA NRP Certification.

(d) The ~~m~~Medical ~~d~~Director may make medical staff substitutions with individuals of comparable skills when the condition of the neonate warrants such substitution.

(6) No change.

(7) Within five years after the effective date of this rule, the department will consider amendment, modification, or repeal of this rule if a review determines that the rule creates barriers to entry for private business competition, is duplicative, outdated, obsolete, overly burdensome, or imposes excessive costs.
Rulemaking Authority ~~381.0011, 383.19(1)(e), 395.405, 401.251(2)-(4), (6), 401.265(5), 401.27(2), (4), (5)-(8), (11), (13), 401.35 FS. Law Implemented ~~383.19(1)(e) 381.001, 383.15, 395.405, 401.24(2), 401.25(1), (2), (5), 401.251, 401.252(3), 401.26, 401.265(1), (5), 401.27, 401.30, 401.31, 401.35, 401.41, 401.411, 401.414, 401.421 FS. History—New 11-30-93, Amended 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.0525, Amended 8-4-98, 9-3-00, 12-18-06, Formerly 64E-2.006, Amended 2-16-10, _____.~~~~

64J-1.007 Vehicle and Aircraft Permits.

(1) Each application for a ground vehicle or aircraft permit shall be by Dh Form 1510, 07/2022, Aircraft and Vehicle Permit Application ~~on DH Form 1510, 04/09, Application for Vehicle Permit(s). Each application for an aircraft permit shall be on DH Form 1576, 04/09, Application for Air Ambulance Permit, which is~~ These forms are incorporated by reference and available from the department, as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/ems-system/documents/dh-form-1510.pdf ~~www.floridahealth.gov~~ and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX. <http://www.fl-ems.com>. All applications shall be accompanied by the required fee as specified in Section 401.34(1)(c), (k), F.S.

(2) When ~~it is necessary for~~ a permitted ground vehicle must ~~to~~ be out of service for routine maintenance or repairs, a substitute vehicle that meets meeting the same transport capabilities and equipment specifications as the out-of-service vehicle may be used for a ~~period of time not to exceed~~ 30 days. If the substitute vehicle must needs to be in service for longer than 30 days, the EMS provider agency must obtain seek written approval from the department. An unpermitted vehicle cannot be placed into service, nor can a BLS vehicle be used at the ALS level, except as provided by this Rule unless it is replacing a vehicle that has been temporarily taken out of service for maintenance. When such a substitution is made, The following information shall be maintained by the provider and

shall be accessible to the department for all substitutions:

- (a) Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of permitted vehicle taken out of service.
- (b) VIN Identification of substitute vehicle.

(c) The date on which the substitute vehicle was placed into service, ~~and~~ the date on which it was removed from service, and the date on which the permitted vehicle was returned to service.

(3) All ground transport vehicles permitted to licensed services must meet the vehicle design specifications, except for color schemes and insignias, as listed in one of the following publications United States General Services Administration (GSA) KKK-1822, Federal Specifications for Ambulances as mandated by Section 401.35(1)(d), F.S., applicable to the year of the manufacture of the vehicle.

(a) United States General Services Administration, *Federal Specification for the Star-of-Life Ambulance* KKK-1822F (Aug. 1, 2007), which is incorporated by reference and available at vehiclestd.fas.gsa.gov/CommentCollector/Home and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX.

(b) National Fire Protection Association, Technical Committee on Ambulances, *NFPA 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances* (2019 ed. 2018), which is incorporated by reference and available for purchase at catalog.nfpa.org/NFPA-1917-Standard-for-Automotive-Ambulances-P1468.aspx, and is available for examination and inspection at the Florida Department of State, Room 701, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400 and at the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32311-7840. The agency has determined that posting this publication on the Internet for purposes of public inspection and examination would constitute a violation of federal copyright law.

(c) Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services, *Ground Vehicle Standard for Ambulances v.3.0* (Jul. 1, 2022), which is incorporated by reference and available at www.groundvehiclestandard.org/sdm_downloads/caas-gvs-v3/, and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-XXXX.

Permitted vehicles that have a vehicle design with litter fasteners anchorages not specifically defined by the most current recommendation of the United States General Services Administration or the National Fire Protection Association, Technical Committee on Ambulances or the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services shall maintain compliance with the required fastener assembly as prescribed by the manufacturer for the cot/transporter being used.

(4) All ~~licensed~~ providers applying for an initial air ambulance aircraft permit ~~after January 1, 2005~~, shall submit to the department a valid airworthiness certificate (unrestricted), issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, for each permitted aircraft, prior to issuance of the initial permit. Aircraft replacements are subject to the initial application process.

(5) ~~For purposes of Section 401.26(1):~~

~~(a) Water vehicles with a total capacity of two persons or less are neither transport vehicles nor advanced life support transport vehicles.~~

~~(b) Water vehicles with a total capacity of three or more persons are neither transport vehicles nor advanced life support transport vehicles, if:~~

~~1. Staffed and equipped per the Licensee Medical Director's protocols consistent with the certification requirements of Chapter 401, F.S.; and~~

~~2. Reported to the department with sufficient information to identify the water vehicle and to document compliance with subparagraph 1., above. Such report shall be updated with each license renewal.~~

~~(c) A transport vehicle or advanced life support transport vehicle that has explicit staffing, equipment and permitting requirements under Chapter 401, F.S., and other rules of the department cannot fall under paragraph (a) or (b), above.~~

Rulemaking Authority ~~381.0011, 401.23, 401.25(1), (2), 401.26(1)-(3), (6)-(7), 401.35 FS. Law Implemented 381.001, 381.0205, 401.23, 401.24(2), 401.25(1), (2), 401.251, 401.26, 401.27, 401.30, 401.31, 401.34, 401.35, 401.41, 401.411, 401.414 FS. History—New 11-29-82, Amended 4-26-84, 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.53, Amended 4-12-88, 12-10-92, 11-30-93, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.053, Amended 1-3-99, 12-18-06, 10-16-07, Formerly 64E-2.007, Amended 9-2-09, _____.~~

Substantial rewording of Rule 64J-1.008 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

64J-1.008 Emergency Medical Technician.

(1) To be qualified for EMT certification, an individual must:

- (a) Successfully complete an EMT Training Program that is approved by the department as provided by Rule

64J-1.020;

(b) Submit to the department a completed DH Form 1583, 04/2017, Application for EMT/Paramedic Certification, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.flhealthsource.gov and at www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09953, together with supporting documentation and fees; and

(c) Achieve a passing score on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) EMT Certification examination within 2 years of successfully completing the EMT Training Program.

(2) An individual who successfully completed a training program that is based on the *National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards* (Jan. 2009) of the United States Department of Transportation, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.ems.gov/education.html and www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09951, in a state other than Florida or in the military may submit a current, valid NREMT certification in lieu of meeting the requirement of subparagraph (1)(a).

(3) EMT certifications expire on December 1 of every even-numbered year. To renew EMT certification before expiration, an individual must:

(a) Successfully complete 30 hours of continuing education based on criteria in the *National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards* (Jan. 2009) of the United States Department of Transportation, which 30 hours must include adult and pediatric education with a minimum of 2 hours in pediatric emergencies; or

(b) Achieve a passing score on the NREMT EMT Certification examination; and

(c) Submit to the department a completed DH-MQA 1212, 06/17, Recertification Notice and Application, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.flhealthsource.gov and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09954, together with supporting documentation and fees.

(4) Applications to renew an unexpired certification may include a statement affirming that the applicant has completed the continuing education required by subparagraph (3)(a) in lieu of a certificate from the continuing education provider if the statement is signed by the medical director of the EMS provider that currently employs the applicant.

(5) All applications must include documentation showing that the applicant is currently certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR card) by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or an equivalent program as defined by rule 64J-1.022, F.A.C.

(6) To be valid, applications must include accurate, current information. Any changes to the information provided on an application for certification or renewal must be submitted to the department in writing within 10 days of the effective date of the change. Applications that include incorrect information are subject to denial.

Rulemaking Authority ~~381.0035~~, 401.23(1), 401.27, 401.2715, 401.35, 456.013 FS. Law Implemented 401.23, 401.27, 401.2715, 401.273, 401.34, 401.35, 456.013(4), 456.017 FS. History—New 11-29-82, Amended 4-26-84, 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.56, Amended 11-2-86, 4-12-88, 8-3-88, 12-10-92, 11-30-93, 12-10-95, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.056, Amended 8-4-98, 1-3-99, 9-3-00, 4-15-01, 6-3-02, 11-3-02, 10-24-05, 1-11-06, 1-23-07, 10-16-07, Formerly 64E-2.008, Amended 11-22-09, 5-27-10, 1-28-19, _____.

Substantial rewording of Rule 64J-1.009 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

64J-1.009 Paramedic.

(1) To be qualified for paramedic certification, an individual must:

(a) Successfully complete a Paramedic Training Program that is approved by the department as provided by Rule 64J-1.020;

(b) Submit to the department a completed DH Form 1583, 04/2017, Application for EMT/Paramedic Certification, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.flhealthsource.gov and at www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09953, together with supporting documentation and fees; and

(c) Achieve a passing score on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic Certification examination within 2 years of successfully completing the Paramedic Training Program.

(2) An individual who successfully completed a training program that is based on the *National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards* (Jan. 2009) of the United States Department of Transportation, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.ems.gov/education.html and www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09951, in a state other than Florida or in the military may submit a current, valid NREMT certification in lieu of meeting the requirement of subparagraph (1)(a).

(3) Paramedic certifications expire on December 1 of every even-numbered year. To renew paramedic certification before expiration, an individual must:

(a) Successfully complete 30 hours of continuing education based on criteria in the *National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards* (Jan. 2009) of the United States Department of Transportation, which 30 hours must include adult and pediatric education with a minimum of 2 hours in pediatric emergencies; or

(b) Achieve a passing score on the NREMT Paramedic Certification examination; and

(c) Submit to the department a completed DH-MQA 1212, 06/17, Recertification Notice and Application, which is incorporated by reference and available at www.Flhealthsource.gov and at www.flrules.org.Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09954, together with supporting documentation and fees.

(4) Applications to renew an unexpired certification may include a statement affirming that the applicant has completed the continuing education required by subparagraph (3)(a) in lieu of a certificate from the continuing education provider if the statement is signed by the medical director of the EMS provider that currently employs the applicant.

(5) All applications must include documentation showing that the applicant is currently certified in advanced cardiac life support (ACLS card) by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or an equivalent program as defined by rule 64J-1.022, F.A.C.

(6) To be valid, applications must include accurate, current information. Any changes to the information provided on an application for certification or renewal must be submitted to the department in writing within 10 days of the effective date of the change. Applications that include incorrect information are subject to denial.

Rulemaking Authority 381.0034, 381.0035, 401.23(7), 401.27, 401.2715, 401.35, 456.013 FS. Law Implemented 381.001, 401.23, 401.27, 401.2715, 401.34, 401.35, 401.41, 401.411, 401.414, 456.013, 456.017 FS. History—New 11-29-82, Amended 4-26-84, 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.57, Amended 4-12-88, 8-3-88, 12-10-92, 11-30-93, 12-10-95, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.057, Amended 8-4-98, 1-3-99, 9-3-00, 4-15-01, 6-3-02, 11-3-02, 10-24-05, 1-23-07, 10-16-07, Formerly 64E-2.009, Amended 11-22-09, 5-27-10, 1-28-19, _____.

The following rule is hereby repealed.

64J-1.012 Examinations.

Rulemaking Authority 381.0011, 401.27, 401.35 FS. Law Implemented 381.001, 401.27, 401.35 FS. History—New 4-26-84, Amended 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.575, Amended 4-12-88, 12-10-92, 12-10-95, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.0575, Amended 8-4-98, 6-3-02, 11-3-02, 10-25-04, 10-24-05, Formerly 64E-2.010, Amended 11-22-09, Repealed _____.

64J-1.012 Examinations.

(1) Grade Notification – The department shall notify each candidate of the examination results. The department may post scores electronically on the internet in lieu of mailing the scores to the candidate. The date of receipt is the date the examination scores are posted electronically (official score release date).

(2) Post-Examination Review.

(a) A candidate who failed the examination shall notify the department or designee, in writing, that he or she desires a post-examination review within 21 days of the official score release date and include the required review fee of \$50.00 payable by cashier's check or money order to the department or designee. Upon receipt of payment, the department or designee shall notify the candidate of a review appointment.

(b) Each candidate, who has taken and failed the examination, shall have the right to post-examination review of those examination questions answered incorrectly and the correct answers to those examination questions only.

(c) The candidate's attorney may be present at the review.

(d) Examination reviews shall be conducted in the presence of a representative of the department or designee and scheduled at a location designated by the department or designee. The review shall be conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding official state holidays. A candidate shall attend only one review per examination administration. If the candidate is scheduled for an examination review date and fails to appear, the review fee shall be forfeited.

(e) The candidate shall be allowed one-half the time allowed for the original administration of the examination to review the examination materials provided. Neither the candidate nor the attorney shall be allowed to bring any material for documenting or recording any test material into the review session.

(f) A representative of the department or designee shall remain with the candidate throughout the review process. The representative shall inform the candidate that the representative cannot defend the examination, attempt

to answer or refute any question during the review.

(g) The candidate shall be instructed that he or she is exercising his or her right of review.

(h) Any candidate who fails the examination and attends an examination review, pursuant to this section, shall not be eligible for reexamination for at least 30 days after the examination review.

(3) Examination Requirements. The following grades are the minimum scores required to pass the below-listed examinations:

(a) Paramedic Certification Examination, 80 percent or higher.

(b) EMT-Basic Examination, 70 percent or higher.

(4) To be scheduled for a reexamination the requestor shall submit DH Form 1583, 12/08, Application for Examination for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) & Paramedic Certification.

(5) An EMT candidate must document successful completion of 24 hours of department-approved refresher training based on the 1994 U.S. DOT EMT-Basic National Standard Curriculum prior to being scheduled for another attempt at the examination after three failures. An EMT applicant who has failed the examination six times is disqualified from certification and must successfully complete a full EMT training program, pursuant to paragraph 64J-1.008(1)(a), F.A.C., prior to being considered for subsequent examination and certification.

(6) A paramedic candidate must document successful completion of 48 hours of department-approved refresher training based on the 1998 U.S. DOT EMT-Paramedic National Standard Curriculum prior to being scheduled for another attempt at the certification examination after three failures. A paramedic applicant who has failed the examination six times is disqualified from certification and must successfully complete a full paramedic education program, pursuant to paragraph 64J-1.009(1)(a), F.A.C., prior to being considered for subsequent examination and certification.

(7) Persons with documented learning disabilities in the areas of reading decoding or reading comprehension or some form of documented disability or cognitive processing deficit specifically in the reading area which would negatively impact on the candidate's performance on the written or computer based examination may be eligible for special accommodations with the certification examination. The person requesting the accommodation must provide documentation of the diagnosis before any decision shall be made by the department or designee for accommodation in the administration of the paramedic examination.

(a) Individuals who qualify for special accommodation on the written or computer based examination due to a documented learning disability as described above shall be required to take the standard format of the examination, but shall receive additional time in which to complete the examination based on the department's or designee's assessment of the severity of the learning disability.

(b) Other types of accommodations to meet the needs of applicant's disabilities shall be granted with appropriate documentation of disability as determined by the department or designee.

Rulemaking Authority 381.0011, 401.27, 401.35 FS. Law Implemented 381.001, 401.27, 401.35 FS. History—New 4-26-84, Amended 3-11-85, Formerly 10D-66.575, Amended 4-12-88, 12-10-92, 12-10-95, 1-26-97, Formerly 10D-66.0575, Amended 8-4-98, 6-3-02, 11-3-02, 10-25-04, 10-24-05, Formerly 64E-2.010, Amended 11-22-09.

64J-1.020 Training Programs.

(1) Qualifications and procedures for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) EMT and paramedic training programs in addition to those contained in section 401.2701, F.S., are as follows:

(a) Each applicant shall demonstrate that EMT and paramedic students are not subject to call while participating in class, clinicals, and clinical or field internships sessions.

(b) Each applicant shall demonstrate that each EMT and paramedic student functions function under the direct supervision of an EMS preceptor, is and shall not permitted be in the patient compartment alone during patient transport and is shall not be used to meet staffing requirements.

(c) EMS Paramedic training programs may allow up to 20% of a paramedic student's the field internship experience to be done aboard an advanced life support permitted vehicle other than an ambulance.

(d) No change.

(e) Program Course directors shall sign and submit to the department a roster of students eligible to take the state certification examination to the department within 14 days after the students complete the EMS training program curriculum course completion but not before course completion. This roster shall be signed by the program director.

(2) To be approved as an EMS EMT Training pProgram, an entity shall submit a completed DH Form 1698, 04/2017, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program, which is incorporated by reference and available from the department, at [9](http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-</u></p></div><div data-bbox=)

regulation/licensing-ems-education/ documents/dh-1698-edit.docx www.floridahealth.gov and at the http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-09956.

(3) EMS training programs may request department approval to substitute simulation and remote live videoconferencing for supervised in-person direct patient contact requirements. Requests must be in writing and include:

(a) The written approval of the EMS training program medical director.

(b) Documentation that all hospitals or EMS providers with whom the EMS training program has an existing affiliation agreement as specified by s. 401.2701, F.S., has suspended in-person access for purposes of clinicals and field internships.

(c) The time period during which in-person access has been suspended.

(d) Documentation of the design, development, and implementation of simulation and videoconferencing training.

(e) Documentation of the placement of simulation and videoconferencing within the curriculum, the efficacy of simulation and videoconferencing, student evaluations of simulation, debriefing, and videoconferencing.

~~To be approved as a Paramedic Training Program, an entity shall submit a completed DH Form 1698, 04/2017, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program.~~

(4) Any changes to the EMS training program curriculum as approved by the department shall be submitted to the department for review within 30 days of the change.

~~(5) Applications for renewed department approval must be on Approved training programs that wish to offer EMT or Paramedic training programs after their approval expiration date must apply to the department. An entity shall submit a completed DH Form 1698, 04/2017, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program that is - The application must be received by the department not less than 90 and not more than 180 days before the current EMS training program approval expires expiration date and no earlier than 180 days prior to the approval expiration date.~~

(6) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training program curricula course length shall be a minimum of 300 hours. EMT students shall not have less than five (5) patient contacts resulting in the student accompanying the patient to the hospital. Student-to-Instructor ratios shall not exceed 6:1 during the skills laboratory phase of the program.

(7) Paramedic training program curricula course length shall be a minimum of 1,100 hours.

(8) EMS Florida approved EMT and paramedic training programs must have, at a minimum, the equipment and supplies listed in DH Form 1698, 04/2017, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program.

(9) No change.

(10) As used in this rule, the term(s):

(a) "Site visit" means an in-person or department-approved remote audio-visual inspection and observation of an EMS training program institution, medical and educational equipment and supplies, instruction, and records.

(b) "Clinical" and "skills laboratory" mean

1. supervised in-person direct patient contact in a hospital emergency department; or

2. supervised remote live videoconferencing together with simulated direct patient contact in a simulated hospital emergency department that has been approved as provided in (3), above.

(c) "Field internship" means

1. supervised in-person direct patient contact aboard an advanced life support-permitted ambulance; or

2. supervised remote live videoconferencing together with simulated direct patient contact in a simulated advanced life support ambulance that has been approved as provided in (3), above.

(d) "Debriefing" means a period of time following an experiential learning activity during which students reflect, review and discuss the activity with the goal of improving individual and team clinical skills and judgment.

Rulemaking Authority 401.27, 401.2701, 401.2715 FS. Law Implemented 401.27, 401.2701, 401.2715 FS. History—New 9-3-00, Amended 4-15-01, 4-21-02, 11-3-02, 12-18-06, 10-16-07, Formerly 64E-2.036, Amended 8-12-10, 1-28-19, _____.