

HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL

ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAMS



The Department of Health & Senior Services has promulgated changes to 19 CSR 30-40.331 and 19 CSR 30-40.342 of the Missouri Code of State Regulations to provide advanced placement in Missouri Paramedic training programs for active duty or honorably discharged Military personnel.

The intent of these regulatory changes is to provide recognition of the EMS training and experience obtained during Military Service. This recognition will provide an opportunity for assessment of the EMS training and experience obtained through Military service, the potential to apply some or all EMS training and experience obtained during Military Service toward civilian training requirements, and a reduction in the time required to complete training for a higher level of civilian licensure.

These provisions will be available to all active duty or honorably discharged personnel of all branches of the Armed Forces including the National Guard and Reserves.

To take advantage of these provisions, the individual must complete the Missouri Bureau of EMS application process and obtain a license as an EMT-Basic within two (2) years after honorable discharge or during active duty.

The application process requires the completion of the Bureau of EMS application for licensure (special attention to items number 6 or 7 on the application form). The completed application must be submitted to the Bureau of EMS with the following information or forms:

- 1) Verification of current certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT);
- 2) Two (2) completed FBI Applicant Fingerprint Cards; and
- 3) A copy of the applicant's DD214, NG22, or Common Access Card.

Upon verification and successful processing of the application, the Bureau of EMS will issue an "EMT-Basic - United States Armed Forces" license.

At any time during active duty and/or up to two (2) years after honorable discharge, the holder of a valid EMT-Basic – United States Armed Forces license may present their license to any EMT-Paramedic level training entity, accredited by the Missouri Bureau of EMS, and have their EMS knowledge, skills, and abilities assessed for advance placement into that training entity's EMT-Intermediate or EMT- Paramedic training program.

Upon successful completion of that training program, the training entity will approve the individual for testing, at the appropriate level, with NREMT. Upon certification with NREMT, the individual may apply for licensure with the Bureau of EMS at the level of certification held with NREMT.

Please call the Bureau of EMS with any questions at (573) 751-6356.

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WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICE.**