

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM
RESERVE FORCES BUREAU**

First let it be known that the LA County Sheriff's Department Emergency Medical Technician Program must and will comply with the LA County Department of Health Services rules and regulations for teaching, training, and certifying EMT students. Receiving our provider authority from DHS, our program can set up training guidelines that are equally or more stringent than those of DHS but never less.

Through 2004 the rules regarding recertification have been as follows:

LA County DHS requirement	LASD EMT Program requirement
Based on one's original class date, before the 2 year expiration date (CE by: date) the student must have proof of 24 hours of CE whether by refresher class or by a CE provider	Based on one's original class date, before the 2 year expiration date (CE by: date) the student must have a 24 hour refresher class with our instructors which includes the skills test and written exam.
Based on one's original class date, before the 4 year expiration date the student must have a 24 hour refresher class with a skills test and a written test and then sit for the LA County DHS Exam.	Based on one's original class date, before the 4 year expiration date the student must have a 24 hour refresher class with a skills test and a written test.
Having passed the LA County Exam, DHS would then issue the new card to the student	Having passed the LASD written exam, The LASD EMT Program would then issue the new card to the student
The student's original class date sets the expiration dates. The month of expiration should not change unless the dates have to be reset for the following reasons: -The student took the refresher class more than 6 months prior to the 4 year expiration date or - The student expired and took a full basic class or - The student expired and being a(n) RN, PA, MD, EMT-P took a refresher class and challenged the test	Same
Note that the moment that the student has lapsed beyond an expiration date without meeting the above requirements he/she is no longer recognized as a certified EMT in California	Same, therefore they can not function as an EMT in the field until they are in compliance again.
Those who have lapsed on the 2 year expiration date must take a 24 hour refresher class to again be in compliance	Those who have lapsed on the 2 year expiration date must take a full basic class to again be in compliance
Those who have lapsed on the 4 year expiration date must take a 24 hour refresher class including exams to again be in compliance. They have 4 years after their expiration date to obtain the refresher and then retest with LACo to once again be in compliance. This is known as the "grace period" and will be eliminated as of January 2005	Those who have lapsed on the 4 year expiration date must take a full basic class including exams to again be in compliance. There is no "grace period". As of January 2005 those who fall out of compliance will have the additional requirement of taking the National Registry Exam