

## FAQ for Iowa EMS Provider Certification Renewal

**Q1.** Why is there no continuing education requirements for the CCP endorsement?

**A1.** IAC Chapter 131 does not have a continuing education requirement to maintain the CCP endorsement. EMS providers will maintain their CCP endorsement based on credentialing and continuing education requirements identified by the service program medical director.

**Q2.** The new continuing education requirements say in order for the content to count for continuing education credit, the class must have a sponsor number. When an EMS provider is taking a class for EMS certification, can they use class hours for continuing education?

**A2.** Yes, the training programs may assign a sponsor number for the class however; the content must meet the core topics requirement.

**Q3.** With chapter 132 what is going to be required for con-ed for our CC-P?

**A3.** Continuing education requirements are not covered in IAC Chapter 132; they are in Chapter 131. There are no longer any continuing education requirements for the CCP endorsement other than those a medical director requires for credentialing. Once a CCP successfully completes the education needed to request and receive CCP endorsement they will need to be credentialed by the service programs medical director to function. The service program and the services medical director shall decide the amount and content of CCP endorsement continuing education.

**Q4.** If you are a CCP and not working on a CCP level service, is it the medical director that will be signing off that you can continue to keep your certification? Will we be clicking the same check box that we have met the 8 HR con-ed requirements for the CCP?

**A4.** Yes providers currently having the CCP endorsement will retain it. Once they join a CCT service then they will have to be credentialed by the service's medical director in order to utilize the CCP skills. In the renewal application, there is no box to select the 8 HR con-ed requirements for the CCP renewal.

**Q5.** I do not have a current NREMT, what do I need to do about the NREMT Number field and the NREMT Expiration Date fields in the renewal application under the EMS Continuing Education Section?

**A5.** Select "No" for the response to the first questions, "Are you renewing your Iowa EMS certification with a current NREMT registration?" Then you can leave the NREMT Number and NREMT Expiration Date fields blank. You will then need to include the number of "Total Core Continuing Education Hours (CEHs)" field, which is the last question under EMS Continuing Education Section.

**Q6.** Why is there no requirement to complete an Instructor Refresher class in the renewal application for those who have an EMS Instructor Endorsement?

**A6.** The training centers are responsible for providing professional development education to their instructors. You should contact the training center you are associated with for further direction.

**Q7.** What does a sponsor number from an Iowa EMS Training Program look like?

**A7.** Prior to January 2021, the sponsor number from an Iowa EMS Training Program would be in the following format: ##-####-## FE or OE (Formal or Optional Education). As of January 2021 they are in the following format: ##-###-###-X#(X#X#X#X#).

**Q8.** In the new Iowa EMS Training Program sponsor number, what does the letter and corresponding number mean?

**A8.** The letters in the sponsor number from an Iowa EMS Training Program identifies the approved topic area (A-airway, C-cardiology, T-trauma, M-medical, O-operations) and the number identifies the approved number of hours for that topic area.

**Q9.** I do not know if I will have enough continuing education hours for renewal done before March 31, can I request an extension to get the continuing education hours done.

**A9.** Yes, but you will need to submit a completed *Extension of Iowa EMS Certification Application* form found on the Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services website: <https://idph.iowa.gov/bets/ems/certification>, and pay a \$50 fee. Please mail the completed form and check so the Bureau receives it at least seven (7) days prior to your Iowa EMS Provider Certification expiration date.

**Q10.** How long do I have if I successfully complete the Extension request?

**A10.** You will receive an additional 45 days after your expiration date. If you are due to expire March 31 and you meet the requirements for the extension request, then your new expiration date will be May 15.