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Maine EMS has updated and combined the applications for New & Reciprocity EMS Clinician licensure; and added a new license type for *Ambulance Operator* into a single, user-friendly application. This application is now available in the <u>eLicensing Portal</u>.

State Law, 32 MRS §82 (1), was amended in 2021 to include emergency medical services ambulance operators in the list of persons and organizations which may not operate or practice unless duly licensed by the EMS Board. <u>Maine EMS Rules</u> Chapter 5-B regarding EMS Ambulance Operator licensing will be effective on June 19, 2023. However, the EMS Board will consider an extension at their Board meeting on June 7, 2023. These rules require a person not licensed at a clinical level (EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic) who is associated with a ground ambulance service to obtain a license to operate an emergency medical services ambulance; section 1 of the rules helps define impacted persons.

The *EMS Clinician & EMS Vehicle Operator Application (New & Reciprocity)* supports impacted persons in obtaining a required *Ambulance Operator* license.

Impacted persons may have an account in the eLicensing Portal. Those who don't have an existing account can create one from the login page of the eLicensing Portal. Individuals associated with a Fire or EMS agency in MEFIRS often have an existing account that was created for them by service leadership; in this circumstance, DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT; please call 207-626-3860 between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday for assistance accessing an existing account.

EMS Service and Training Center Leadership should always have new users create their own account in the eLicensing Portal, which will then sync with MEFIRS; this ensures the user has access to their accounts on both platforms.

An instructional document and <u>video tutorial</u> are available to help users complete the application process. Please contact the licensing team at Maine EMS by calling 207-626-3862 or emailing <u>ems.licensure@maine.gov</u> with any questions.

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