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## OPERATIONAL BULLETIN

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2025-04-09-02	<b>Clarification on Rules for EMS Licensure Programs and Placements</b>		2025-10-10
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### Overview:

At their Oct 1, 2025, meeting the Maine EMS Board was made aware of a Maine EMS licensee participating in an online EMS Educational Program that is licensed outside the State of Maine. The student was attempting to schedule clinical and field internship at facilities in the State of Maine. The program is not a Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center and is not affiliated with a MEMS Board –authorized training center. Clinical or field internship experiences cannot occur in the State of Maine through these programs, unless the programs are a Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center, or are affiliated with a Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center.

### Background:

After reviewing a recent incident involving an online EMS Educational Program that is licensed outside the state of Maine, the Maine EMS Board has directed the Maine EMS Office to communicate the following through an operational bulletin with all stakeholders and licensees:

1. The requirements of a course leading to initial licensure at the Paramedic-level in the State of Maine;
2. That clinical or field internship experiences cannot occur in the State of Maine through these programs, unless the programs are a Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center, or are affiliated with a Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center at the appropriate level to deliver the course at the level of instruction sought; and
3. The risk of engaging in such a course without the guarantee that a student will be able to complete all requirements necessary for certification at the desired level.

### Guidance:

To operate in compliance with Maine EMS rules and ensure student eligibility for licensure, all EMS education programs should adhere to Maine EMS rules and standards. Below is a summary of key requirements:

- **Excellence**
- **Support**
- **Collaboration**
- **Integrity**
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- **Authorization is Mandatory:** Any institution offering courses that lead to EMS licensure in Maine **must be authorized by the Maine EMS Board** as a Maine EMS Training Center.
- **Program Supervision:** All licensure programs must be approved by and conducted under the supervision of an authorized Maine EMS Training Center and its Program Director.
- **Student Practice:** A student may only practice clinical skills and participate in field internships if they are enrolled in a course run by a **Maine EMS Board-authorized Training Center**. The training center must approve the activity, and the student must be supervised at a licensed Maine EMS service that follows state guidelines for internships.

Specific Maine EMS rules relevant to these requirements include:

- Chapter 2, § 17;
- Chapter 8, §1(1),
- Chapter 8 § 1(B);
- Chapter 8-A, §1;
- Chapter 8-A, § 4(3) .

Specific Maine EMS standards found in Maine EMS’s Training Center Standards (“2023 Standards”) that are relevant include:

- 2023 Standards § 2 (A)(1); and
- 2023 Standards §9(B)(2).

Maine EMS’s current rules are available on our website at:

<https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov.ems/files/inline-files/Maine-EMS-Rules-Effective-20250226.pdf>, and through the Maine Secretary of State’s Office.

The 2023 Training Center Standards are available on the website at:

<https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov.ems/files/inline-files/2023-Maine-EMS-Training-Center-Standards.pdf>.

It is unknown if these programs will lead to NREMT Certification through the state the program is currently licensed in, or how they will address currently enrolled students who are unable to complete their clinical and field internship experiences in another state.

Maine Emergency Medical Services has no jurisdiction, visibility, or authority over programs that are not authorized in the State of Maine. As such, Maine EMS is unable to provide any assistance or remedies to students participating in licensure programs authorized or licensed through other state or jurisdiction’s emergency medical services agencies.

**For any questions regarding the authorization status of an EMS Training Center, please contact the John DeArmond at [John.DeArmond@maine.gov](mailto:John.DeArmond@maine.gov), our Maine EMS Education Coordinator for assistance.**