



22-RESOLUTION-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AUTHORIZING PERMANENT REMOVAL OF LIMITS ON ASYNCHRONOUS DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION FOR NATIONAL REGISTRY RECERTIFICATION.

WHEREAS, National Registry standards for recertification have included limits on the amount of distributive education for many years; and

WHEREAS, Board actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic waived those limits for recertification applications used in 2020, 2021, and 2022; and

WHEREAS, prior surveys of State EMS Officials, 22 state officials have expressed support for removal of distributive education limits while four expressed concerns with the removal of distributive education limits and further communications with state officials have reinforced support for ongoing removal of limits on asynchronous distributive education; and

WHEREAS, National Registry staff continue to receive concerns from registrants and officials that access to traditional forms of continuing education is limited and can hinder recertification; and

WHEREAS, standards by CAPCE and state EMS officials have evolved to ensure appropriate minimum standards for asynchronous distributive education; and

WHEREAS, continuing workforce pressures in emergency medical services that support a need to allow asynchronous distributive education strategies; and

WHEREAS, the EMS community and National Registry systems have successfully adapted to the temporary removal of limits on distributed education; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry Board recognizes accessibility as a key feature of examinations and recertification requirements; and

WHEREAS, the National Registry Board desires to continue the existing requirement for skills verification by the local training officer and medical director as necessary for active certification; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires the permanent removal of limits on asynchronous distributive education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors directs the Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer to modify standards, applications, policies, and processes to remove limits on asynchronous distributive education and that this authorization is subject to the following parameters:

- This resolution is to be applied consistently to all requirements for continuing education, including recertification, state licensure eligibility requirement, refresher training after three failed examinations, and re-entry.
- This change with the accompanying rationale is to be effectively communicated to stakeholders.
- This change is to be fully implemented by September 30, 2022, to avoid complications with the 2023 recertification applications.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS BY RESOLUTION NO. 22-06 ON THE 15th DAY OF JUNE 2022.