



## **EMS Information Bulletin 2026-02**

**TO:** PA Regional EMS Councils  
PA EMS Agencies  
PA EMS Education Institutes

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**SUBJECT:** EMS Certification Eligibility Requirement and EMS Registry Roster Clarification

### **Certification Eligibility Requirement**

Effective July 1, 2026, only individuals with a valid Social Security Number (SSN) are eligible for Pennsylvania EMS certification.

- Individuals without an SSN, who have a current VISA, and were enrolled in an EMS Certification Course fourteen days prior to the effective date of this EMSIB, will be eligible for certification.
- These individuals will need to complete a paper application. The Education Institute must forward the application to the regional council no later than the effective date of this EMSIB.
- If the individual successfully obtains certification, it will only be valid for one certification cycle. These individuals will not be able to re-register their certification until they provide an SSN to BEMS.

Applicants may provide a Pennsylvania Driver's License Number or Pennsylvania Non-Driver Identification Card Number issued by PennDOT in lieu of directly submitting an SSN, provided the identification was originally obtained using a Social Security Number. Out-of-state identification is not acceptable.

If an individual chooses not to provide an SSN on the application, the Bureau will coordinate directly with PennDOT to retrieve the SSN. The Bureau of EMS cannot process an application or issue certification until the SSN is received. Applicants selecting this option should expect significant delays in processing their application and certification issuance.

## **PA EMS Registry Class Roster Clarification**

Only students who intend to pursue Pennsylvania EMS certification should submit an application within the PA EMS Registry.

In accordance with 28 Pa. Code § 1025.1(l)(8), (9), and (10), EMS education institutes are responsible for ensuring certification class rosters within the PA EMS Registry are accurate within 14 days of the class start date.

EMS education institutes should ensure all enrolled students determine whether they intend to pursue Pennsylvania EMS certification within the first 14 days of the program to maintain accurate rosters, reduce administrative burden, and avoid delays for students pursuing certification.

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