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Re: Provisional Status for EMR and EMT Candidates – National Registry/South Dakota

Dear SD EMS Educators,

For those of you who teach EMR or EMT Courses, the Department of Health has adopted National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Provisional Status policy due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and current recommendations of social distancing which affects the ability to safely conduct the psychomotor testing component to receive full NREMT certification, as well as SD certification.

If the student has completed your EMR or EMT Course and has taken and passed the NR Cognitive Exam, National Registry will issue the individual a Provisional certification status. Once the individual receives their NR card, they can apply for SD EMR or EMT certification as normal, by logging into their State EMS Program account via the E-Licensing Portal and completing the application for their level.

The Provisional certification status is valid until December 31st, 2021. If the individual receives a Provisional status, he/she will have up to that date to complete and pass the NR Psychomotor Examination. If he/she does not take or pass the psychomotor exam by that date, their provisional certification, as well as their SD certification will expire.

Please visit the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians website for more information and answers to frequently asked questions: <https://www.nremt.org/rwd/public/document/covid-19>

Per National Registry's website regarding the Pearson Vue Testing Centers for the NR Cognitive Exam, students should log into their Pearson Vue account to view available test centers and schedule their exam. Candidates should assume the examination is scheduled and available unless they receive a cancelation notice from Pearson Vue.

I have heard that the site in Sioux Falls is open on a limited basis, and other testing sites around the state and nation may be open or opening soon.

Please share this information with your EMR or EMT students.

Thank you