



## EMS Information Bulletin- #056

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**SUBJECT:** Paramedic-PHRN Certification Process

**TO:** All EMS Organizations & Personnel

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Attached are the process flows for Paramedic and Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse for Pennsylvania in accordance with the National EMS Registry.

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# Paramedic Process

Training institute registers the paramedic program with the National Registry and the regional council.

Student fills out student application – student application is given to the regional council.

Regional Council verifies criminal history, current EMT certification, and current CPR certification – builds course roster.

4 weeks prior to testing – the student logs on to [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org), registers to take the paramedic test, and pays the National Registry the testing fee.  
Regional Council/National Registry Representative verify roster approximately 2 weeks prior to the paramedic practical exam.

The training institute coordinates the practical testing dates with the regional council including the National Registry representative.

The regional council conducts the practical test with the National Registry representative, forwards the test results to the National Registry, following the National Registry procedures, and also forwards the class roster and student applications to EMS of Northeast PA.

Candidate receives authorization to test at a Pearson Testing Center.

Candidate takes the test.

The National Registry sends test results to EMS of Northeast PA electronically.

EMS of Northeastern Pa processes student application and exam results

Local regions will find scanned record(s) in their endorsement queue, will enter the "Authorization Date" and save the profile. Deleting the record from the endorsement queue completes the process and makes the practitioner a paramedic (or PHRN) in the print queue. Local region will print and mail the certification materials.

## PHRN Process

Must be a registered nurse and either have EMT certification or  
Must take an EMT-B practical exam

Fill out student application and return to regional council. Regional council  
sends student application to EMS of Northeastern PA.

Regional council validates current RN license; current EMT certification;  
current CPR as required by regulations; current ACLS.  
Advises candidate to register online at the [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) website and  
select the paramedic assessment exam.

Candidate registers online for paramedic assessment exam and pays  
testing fee to the National Registry.

Region checks the National Registry website for candidate status,  
(displays as paramedic assessment exam) region approves candidate for

Candidate receives authorization to test at a Pearson Testing Center.

Candidate takes the test.

National Registry results electronically sent to EMS of Northeastern Pa  
Regional Council.

EMS of Northeastern Pa processes student application and exam results.

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