



Transitioning Idaho Advanced EMT-I85 (AEMT85) to Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT-2011)

The Idaho EMS Bureau is providing the enclosed resources for instructors and course coordinators to plan, develop, instruct, and document the training to transition the Idaho Advanced EMT-I85 (AEMT85) to Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT-2011).

The Transition Instructional Guidelines included in this packet identify the gap content that can be used to enhance the knowledge and skills of existing practitioners to transition to the new level of licensure. A brief Transition Highlights note has been added to the beginning of each section to draw attention to the specific additions or changes needing to be addressed. The Transition Instructional Guidelines are not a curriculum, but instead list high level content or material that has been identified as having changed (including expanded) from the old Idaho Standard Curriculum. The full Idaho Education Curriculum (IEC) and Instructional Guidelines are available at www.idahoems.org.

In addition, the Idaho Education Curriculum (IEC) requires Incident Management, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and Idaho Extrication Awareness certification as pre- or co-requisite training requirements. Be aware, you may need to allow additional time to accommodate this content.

Many publishers have created specific transition course materials which may be helpful, but are not required. The National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) maintains a [Toolkit](http://www.nasemso.org) of resources about the transition at <http://www.nasemso.org>. Included in this toolkit is the [Anticipated Production Schedules for EMS Textbooks and Materials](#) which outlines transition specific texts and other education materials.

Steps for a transition course include

- Submit a transition course application with the attached course outline to the Idaho EMS Bureau for approval at EMSCourses@dhw.idaho.gov or fax: (208) 334-4015. (In the RARE occasion there is a required topic you are not planning to cover because all students are already competent, provide that information in the correct section of the outline.)
- Once approval is received, hold your transition course.
- Within ten (10) days of course completion, submit an ending roster and competency verification sheet identifying all students who completed the training. Remember, competency verification by the course physician for each student is required for course completion.

- There is no minimum number of required hours a student must complete for this course. Instead, the course is complete when the student is able to successfully demonstrate (to the course sponsoring physician) the required knowledge and skills of the education standards and program objectives of the course.
 - The EMS Bureau requires the course physician to verify, at a minimum, entry level competency in the performance of knowledge, skills, and professional behavior evaluation based on the 2011 IEC, educational standards, and program objectives for student completion in a transition or initial IEC course. The details (how, where, when, etc.) of the competency assessment is left at the discretion of the physician. There are many ways in which the course physician could assure competency. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Observation
 - Examination (written, practical, verbal, etc)
 - Current licensure or certification with a Scope of Practice that already includes the individual skill, knowledge, or professional behavior being evaluated
 - Field Internship / Clinical
 - Optional Module Skill credentialing
- Issue a course completion certificate which includes all elements of the Idaho EMS Bureau Transition Course Completion Certificate Template included.
 - Complete a Transition Course Continuing Education worksheet for your students if they wish to use transition course hours for license renewal continuing education requirements.*
 - NREMT course registration is not required for an EMT Transition Course.

* Students who complete 41 hours of their required 54 continuing education hours in an Idaho approved transition course would be exempt from venue requirements outlined in [IDAPA 16.01.07 EMS Personnel Licensing Requirements](#) for license renewal.

For more information on the Scope of Practice transition visit www.idahoems.org or contact the EMS Bureau at idaemoems@dhw.idaho.gov or 1-877-554-3367.