

## Temporary Licenses

***These bills extend the EMS temporary licenses to a length of one year, from the previously allowed four months. We are hopeful that this will help support candidates by keeping a place for them in the system while they work through the licensing process. The licensing team is working to update the applications and processes for this change and plan to have it go live by October 1st, 2024. We do know a few things that we can share now:***

### ***What is a temporary license?***

A temporary license is a **limited** license that allows a person, who has successfully completed the minimum required education and has graduated with a Michigan Course Completion Certificate to practice up to the scope of practice that they are educated, **before** they have successfully completed the competency exam (National Registry). The limitation, in this case, is the person must practice under the **direct supervision** of another licensee that has a permanent license at least at the level of the temporary license.

### ***What does direct supervision mean?***

Direct supervision means that there is another person, with a permanent license at or above the level of your temporary license, in direct proximity to you, assisting, guiding, and overseeing your work. Direct supervision is very similar to your clinical and/or internship time as a student. Temporarily licensed individuals are limited to their permanent license's scope of practice when they are not under direct supervision

- Those individuals who do not have a permanent license (MFR or EMT-Basic on a new temporary license) may not act as a second member on an ambulance during transport.
- Otherwise, all staffing rules and laws remain the same. An EMT with a temporary paramedic license, for example, could perform all ALS skills and procedures with a permanently licensed paramedic partner UP UNTIL the point that transport occurs (unless there is a third person driving the ambulance).
- Direct supervision is not provided by a person in a separate compartment of an ambulance, in another room of a house, while a permanent licensee goes outside, or any variation of this.

### ***When can I get my temporary license?***

The application for a temporary license will be available no later than October 1, 2024. The temporary license may be obtained after the course is complete (after course completion

date), before taking NREMT exams. Applicants will need to have at least one year of eligibility left for the exam.

***How do I apply for my temporary license?***

Log into your eLicensing portal account and find the “TEMPORARY PROVIDER LICENSE APPLICATION” Application under “VIEW ALL PERSONNEL APPLICATIONS”.

***How long does the temporary license last?***

The temporary license will expire one year after it is issued, at the end of the month, unless a permanent license is obtained and supersedes that license. There will be one 60-day email reminder and one 30-day email reminder before the temporary license expires. It can not be renewed.

***How much does it cost for the temporary license?***

There is no fee for a temporary license. License fees will be applied only when the applicant applies for a full license.

***Evidence states that those who take the test sooner are more likely to pass the first time. Isn't giving this option making it more likely the candidates will wait and be less likely to succeed?***

This is not the intention. MDHHS agrees that candidates should take the exam at the first possible opportunity. This option is intended to support those who either do not succeed the first time or in the time that they wait for their scheduled opportunity.

***We should not lower the standards; we should offer more support to the candidates.***

This does not lower the standards, as these individuals may only practice under direct supervision. In the same way that students conducting clinical time are offered the opportunity to participate in the EMS system, these individuals will be able to continue to be involved. There are many supports available to candidates who are having difficulty obtaining their license. If there is a candidate who needs assistance or support, have them reach out to [ems@michigan.gov](mailto:ems@michigan.gov)

***How and who will monitor this practice?***

The truth about EMS generally, is there is a large amount of trust in our trained EMS clinicians. Because license numbers are captured in EMS data, when incidents are associated with temporary licenses, we can see them in the system. We will be able to check to assure that there is a person licensed at or above the level of the temporary license for these incidents. That said, EMS agencies and MCAs are responsible for their own policies for how to utilize the temporary licensees within their jurisdiction.

***How will someone document skills for their temporary license?***

In the state system, the user will be able to select the temporary level and select the procedures and medications for that level. For other vendors, the agency will have to check with them, as our office does not know the specifics of each software.

