



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Medical Services
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a health professional whose primary focus is to respond to, assess and triage emergent, urgent and nonurgent requests for medical care and apply basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and medical transportation to and from an emergency or healthcare facility.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Ambulance Ground Team or Ambulance Strike Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment.

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The EMT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Functions as part of a comprehensive Emergency Medical Services (EMS) response, community, health or public safety system with defined clinical protocols and medical oversight 2. Performs interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance to manage life threats, medical needs and psychological needs 3. Assesses patient conditions, provides stabilizing measures and requests additional resources, as necessary 4. May provide minimal supervision of lower-level personnel 5. Provides an important link within the continuum of the emergency care system from an out-of-hospital response through the delivery of patients to definitive care 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Successful completion of a state-, tribe- or territory-approved EMT training program that meets or exceeds a uniform national standard for quality	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-5: An Introduction to Hazardous Materials 2. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 3. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Ongoing, active participation with an EMS-providing entity, organization or agency	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s immunization recommendations 	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.



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CURRENCY	1. Ongoing, active participation with an EMS-providing entity, organization or agency 2. Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	State-, tribe- or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as an EMT	Not Specified



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NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.
2. This document contains references to non-federal resources and materials. Such references do not constitute an endorsement by the U.S. government, or any of its employees, of the information or content which a non-federal resource or material provides

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
2. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
3. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
4. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Association of State EMS Officials, National EMS Scope of Practice Model 2019 (DOT HS 812-666), February 2019