

EMS Personnel Transition FAQ's

1. Is Ambulance Driver certification required for all individuals that drive an ambulance regardless of other licensure held?
 - a. Yes, any individual that plans to drive the ambulance at anytime will need to apply for and obtain the ambulance driver certification. This is regardless of any licensure already held. The application link is available on the BMOE website on the EMS Personnel professions page.
 - b. The BMOE has provided a streamlined application work around for drivers with a medically related professional license e.g. a Registered Nurse, EMS Personnel at any level, etc. Once the applicant who holds such a license reaches the application competency section select "No" for each competency listed and type your professional credential e.g. EMT, RN, AEMT, Paramedic or even Medic, etc. into the explanation box. This work around will remain in place until the BMOE launches the new system for all users.
2. I do not have a SD EMS Personnel license yet; can I apply for the Ambulance Driver Certification now?
 - a. Yes, you could receive the Ambulance Driver Certification based upon passing the NREMT exam. If you are an applicant applying for both an initial license and the driver certification AND have already passed the NREMT certification exam, select "No" for each competency and type the NREMT EMS level NREMT you currently hold.
3. I am a current EMT or EMR, what do I need to do to have my certification transferred to the BMOE as a license?
 - a. No, the EMS office has provided the data to the BMOE for the transition and nothing further is needed. All currently certified the EMT and EMR providers automatically transitioned to a license under the BMOE on July 1, 2024.
4. I am a current EMT/EMR licensee, do I need to complete the EMS Supervision agreement?
 - a. Yes, under the new legislation all EMT and EMR licensees are required to have a Board approved supervision agreement on file at the Board office with their medical director. This supervision form is available on the BMOE website under Forms.
 - b. If you are a current EMT/EMR licensee and are not currently working as an EMT/EMR, please email the Board office at sdbmoe@state.sd.us for directions on how to come into compliance with the statutory requirement.
5. I do not have a SD EMT or EMR license yet, how do I apply for an initial license under the BMOE?
 - a. The instruction on how to apply for the EMT/EMR license on the EMS Personnel profession page on the BMOE website.