

## EMERGENCY RESCUE TECHNICIAN (ERT)

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**Legal Authority** Code of Iowa 147A

**Job Description** The emergency rescue technician course is designed to train first responders, EMT-Bs, EMT-Is, and paramedics in various rescue techniques. The topics covered in the course include: rescue from heights and depths, extrication from automobiles, agricultural rescue, rescue from water, and other special hazards.

**Education & Experience Required** An applicant must be certified as a first responder, EMT-I, paramedic, or EMT- B (or its former equivalent EMT-A or EMT-D, no longer offered in Iowa); complete 40 classroom hours, complete ambulance/rescue field experience hours as may be required by the training program. There are no mandatory renewal requirements and there are no fees for initial certification or renewal of certification.

**Continuing Education** There are no continuing education requirements for license renewal.

**Examination** None

**Fees** Application:None  
Duration: Two years  
Renewal: None

**SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage** 29-2041 – Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics (\$10.19)

**Number of Licenses Issued** Total number of licenses active as of December 31,  
2001: 779