

FIRST RESPONDER

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa 147A

Job Description A first responder uses stabilizing techniques on patients prior to the arrival of an ambulance.

Education & Experience Required A first responder applicant must be at least 17 years of age, proficient in reading, writing, and speaking English, and must have successfully completed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He/she must complete a minimum of 50 classroom hours, complete clinical hours as required by the training program, and successfully complete a state written and practical exam.

Continuing Education Twelve hours of continuing education are required biennially for certification renewal as well as having a current CPR course completion card.

Examination Applicants must pass a written and practical examination approved by the state.

Fees Application: \$20
Duration: Two years
Renewal: None
Exam: \$20 – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
\$20 – Iowa Department of Public Health

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: 2,871
2000: N/A
1999: N/A
1998: 1,666
1997: 1,672
1996: 2,364