

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

EMALB2013-01 Minimum Age Requirement Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch Contact: Licensing program area getallicence@gov.bc.ca	Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):
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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

The EMA Licensing Board's primary mandate is to ensure that Emergency Medical Assistants (EMAs) are safe to practice in British Columbia.

This policy brings the age requirements of licensing in line with section 3.15 of the WorkSafe BC Occupational First Aid Regulation which allows junior first aid attendants to practice while under the direct supervision of fully qualified attendants 19 years or older.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all applicants applying for an EMA licence in British Columbia.

3. Policy Statement:

This policy sets minimum age requirements and related terms and conditions for EMAs licensed by the EMA Licensing Board.

Minimum age requirements and related conditions are as follows:

- The minimum age for licensing in all licence categories is 16 years old.
- All new registrants who are 16, 17 or 18 years old must have a Direct Supervision Term and Condition on their licence.
- Upon turning 19 years old, registrants will have the Direct Supervision Term and Condition removed from their licence.

The Direct Supervision Term and Condition sets that a registrant is to be supervised by an EMA of the same category or higher at all times while practising as an EMA and the registrant may not be responsible for patient assessment or treatment plans. Supervisors may only supervise skills for which they are licensed to perform without restriction.

4. Legal Authority:

[Emergency Health Service Act Section 6\(5\)\(a\)](#)

[Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 2\(ii\)](#)

[Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 3\(3\)\(a\) and \(b\)](#)

1. Key Stakeholders:

- Applicants for an EMA Licence
- First Responder departments with junior fire fighter programs

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