

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

Adult CPR – Chest Compressions EMALB 2016-07	Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):
Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch	Replaces former policy:
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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

The BCAS Treatment Guidelines have adopted the 10:1 continuous chest compression model of CPR versus the current AHA recommendation guideline of the 30:2 model; all other aspects of CPR in the BCAS Treatment Guidelines are identical to the AHA recommendations.

This policy is intended to clarify what is considered acceptable for CPR chest compressions during EMA Licensing practical examinations where CPR is required.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all candidates taking the EMA Licensing Board practical examinations.

3. Policy Statement:

When performing CPR in a practical examination it is acceptable to either follow BCAS treatment guidelines 10:1 continuous chest compressions or the 30:2 model as recommended in the AHA guidelines.

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 \(b\)](#)

5. Key Stakeholders:

- EMA Licensing exam candidates
- Training Institutions delivering Board recognized EMA training programs
- EMA Licensing Branch Examiners
- BCEHS/BCAS

6. Resources:

- [BCAS Treatment Guidelines](#)
- [American Heart Association](#)

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