

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

EMALB 2016-11 EMA First Responder Endorsements	Reference Information (Manual, page number, chapter):
Responsible Branch: Emergency Medical Assistants (EMA) Licensing Branch	Replaces former policy: New policy as per May 1, 2014 regulation amendments to Section 10 of the EMA Regulations
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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose:

The purpose of the policy is to make the treatment of the AED and Spinal Management endorsements consistent with other endorsements.

Currently, BC trained applicants for an AED and/or Spinal Management Endorsement are required to submit proof of course completion, successfully complete a Board-approved AED theory written exam, and successfully complete Board-approved practical exams. The AED and Spinal Management endorsement are the only two EMA First Responder endorsements that require separate board exams. This is as per Section 10(1)(c) of the current EMA Regulation.

In May, 2014, amendments to Section 10 of the EMA Regulation allow the licensing board to endorse a licence to permit the EMA to provide a service specified in Schedule 2 for the category of licence in which the EMA is licensed if an EMA provides evidence, satisfactory to the licensing board, that the EMA has:

- a) passed the examinations approved by the licensing board for the purposes of this subsection,
- b) successfully completed the training recognized by the licensing board for the purposes of this subsection, or
- c) met the requirements in both paragraphs (a) and (b),

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all EMA First Responders seeking an endorsement for AED or Spinal Management under [Schedule 2\(1\)](#) of the Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation.

3. Policy Statement:

As per Section 10(1)(b) of the Regulation, the Board determines that EMA First Responders (EMA FRs) that have successfully completed a Board-recognized AED and/or Spinal Management course, qualify for the AED and/or Spinal Management endorsement(s).

Upon successful completion of a recognized AED and/or Spinal Management course, an EMA FR instructor/evaluator can submit the course results form to firstres@gov.bc.ca and the AED and/or Spinal Management endorsement will be added to the EMA FRs licence.

The Board will recognize only AED and/or Spinal Management courses that contain both written and practical examination components.

4. Legal Authority:

- [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation Section 10\(1\)\(b\)](#)

5. Key Stakeholders:

- *Training Institutions*
- *EMA First Responders seeking an AED and/or Spinal Management Endorsement*

6. Definitions:

- N/A

7. Resources:

- N/A

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