

Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board

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1. Policy Rationale & Purpose

The EMA Licensing Board (the Board), under the [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation](#) section 2, sub-section 1, may issue a licence in a category to a person who:

- a) is not licensed as an EMA in the category,
- b) applies, in the form and manner approved by the licensing board, for a licence in the category, and
- c) provides evidence, satisfactory to the licensing board, that the person
 - i. has successfully completed the training program or programs recognized by the licensing board for the category,
 - ii. has, no later than 12 months after the date the person completed the training program or programs referred to in subparagraph (i), passed the examinations approved by the licensing board for the category, and
 - iii. is of good character and fit to work as an EMA.

2. Policy Scope

This policy applies to all EMAs seeking to reinstate a previously held BC EMA licence, or EMAs challenging a lower licence category based on a higher level of training.

3. Policy Statement

The Board recognises a higher level of licensure is equivalent to lower-level training and therefore an EMA with a current valid licence, who is actively practicing, may challenge a lower level of licensure by completing the following:

1. Submit an [Application for Licence](#) form;
2. Submit an acknowledgment of scope of practice form;
3. Undergo a [criminal record check](#) within 12 months of the licence application.

4. Legal Authority

- Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation

5. Key Stakeholders

- *EMAs licensed in BC*

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