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SUBJ: NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TRANSITION
TO COMPUTER BASED TESTING PROGRAM

1. ON 01 JAN 2007, THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (NREMT) IS REPLACING ITS CURRENT METHOD OF WRITTEN EXAMINATION WITH A COMPUTER BASED TESTING PROGRAM (CBT). AFTER TRANSITIONING TO CBT ON 01 JAN 2007 WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.
2. NREMT WILL BE CONTRACTING THE CBT EXAM PROCESS TO PEARSON VUE. THIS NEW TESTING PROCEDURE UTILIZES SPECIALIZED SOFTWARE TO FACILITATE THE EXAMS WHICH IS CURRENTLY ONLY AVAILABLE AT PEARSON VUE TEST CENTERS AND TRACEN PETALUMA. THIS SOFTWARE HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR THE CG-SWIII IMAGE.
3. MEMBERS ARE AFFORDED ONE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXAMINATION AT TRACEN PETALUMA EITHER UPON COMPLETION OF THE EMT BASIC COURSE, OR UPON COMPLETION OF AN EMT RECERTIFICATION COURSE. BECAUSE OF THIS NEW TESTING PROCEDURE, MEMBERS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THEIR CERTIFICATION AND WHO FAIL THEIR INITIAL EXAMINATION WILL NEED TO COORDINATE WITH AND TRAVEL TO THE NEAREST PEARSON VUE TEST CENTER FOR RE-EXAMINATION. ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE REGISTRATION WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER OR THE MEMBERS UNIT. ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXAMINATION PROCESS, INCLUDING EXAMINATION FEES, WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBERS UNIT.
4. EXAM RESULTS ARE NORMALLY PUBLISHED WITHIN 24 HOURS. UNITS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEIGH THE COSTS OF REPEATED TRIPS TO TESTING LOCATIONS VERSUS THE MEMBER REMAINING ON SITE UNTIL RESULTS ARE PUBLISHED.
5. AN EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER (ESO) MAY CHOOSE TO BECOME A PEARSON VUE TESTING PROCTOR BY WORKING DIRECTLY WITH PEARSON VUE AND THE NREMT. LOCAL PROCTORING AND CBT PROCEDURES WILL REQUIRE LOCAL PEARSON VUE SOFTWARE INSTALLATION AND A HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION (CABLE/DSL). PRESENTLY STAND-ALONE COMPUTERS APPEAR TO BE THE BEST OPTION UNTIL FURTHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES CAN BE CONDUCTED FOR CG-SWIII IMPLEMENTATION. THE APPROVAL FROM THE LOCAL CONFIGURATION CONTROL BOARD WILL LIKELY BE REQUIRED FOR LOCAL

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION. THE ESO IS ENCOURAGED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEIR LOCAL INFORMATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STAFF IN THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PEARSON VUE SOFTWARE ON STAND-ALONE COMPUTERS.

6. MEMBERS AND ESOS MAY FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ON NREMT EXAMS AND PEARSON VUE TESTING LOCATIONS AT THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES:

HTTP://WWW.NREMT.ORG/ABOUT/CBT_HOME.ASP OR WWW.PEARSONVUE.COM/.

7. QUESTIONS REGARDING NREMT TESTING PROCEDURES CAN BE DIRECTED TO CG-1121 STAFF, EITHER HSCM JACK GOODHUE (AT) 202-475-5174 OR HS1 JASON CARLISLE (AT) 202-475-5167.

8. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

9. RADM PAUL J. HIGGINS, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND SAFETY, SENDS.

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