

<b>Title:</b> Maintenance of Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Procedure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOP
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**CROSS REFERENCES:** Initial Certification (CERT-100), Cross Certification (CERT-300), Consolidation (CERT-400), Return to Practice (CERT-500), Remediation (CERT-600), Unsuccessful Certification (CERT-700), Decertification (CERT-800), Pre-requisite Mandatory Requirements (CERT-900)

## 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the maintenance for certification criteria for Paramedics certified by the NW Region Prehospital Care Program.

## 2.0 POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 Maintenance of certification criteria is an annual requirement for every Paramedic employed by an ambulance service in the NW Region and certified by the NW Region Base Hospital Program.

## 3.0 DEFINITION

3.1 Paramedic: as defined in subsection 1(1) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00

3.2 Primary Care Paramedic (PCP): as defined in subsection 8 (1) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00

3.3 Advanced Care Paramedics (ACP): defined in subsection 8 (2) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00

3.4 Certification: means the process by which Paramedics receive Authorization from a medical procedures requiring medical oversight of a Medical Director

## 4.0 PROCEDURE

4.1 A certification year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

4.1.1 All maintenance of certification (MOC) must be successfully completed by the Paramedic no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> or next business day of each calendar year. An extension may be granted by the Program Medical Director (PMD).

4.1.2 If the Paramedic is unable to meet all MOC the PMD may assign remediation, impose deactivation, request a decertification review, or may otherwise place conditions on the Paramedic's scope of practice. Outcomes will vary depending on the circumstances.

## 5.0 RELATED PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

5.1 Ambulance Act (Ontario) and Ontario Regulation 257/00

5.2 Emergency Health Services Branch (EHSB), Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term care (MOHLTC) and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Performance Agreement (PA), 2008

## 6.0 REFERENCES

6.1 Current EHSB MOHLTC Basic Life Support (BLS) & Advanced Life Support (ALS) Patient Care Standards (PCS)