

DSHS JURISPRUDENCE EXAM

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Purpose

- To ensure a candidate's knowledge of State of TX DSHS rules and regulations
- This will be done upon initial certification as well as re-certification

Health and Safety Code 773 State of TX DSHS EMS

Click the following for an overview of the rules.

- HSC 773
 - <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.773.htm>

- State of TX DSHS EMS Website
 - <http://dshs.texas.gov/emstraumasystems/rul/draft.shtm>

EMS Rule-157.32

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- Relates to EMS Education Programs and Course Approval

- ECA, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=32](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=32)

EMS Rule-157.11

- ◉ EMS Provider Rule (EMS Services)
 - Outlines what levels of certification exist
 - Minimum staffing levels
 - Treatment and Transport Protocol requirements
 - Minimum equipment requirements
 - Responsibilities of the Provider
 - [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=11](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=11)

This is for provider, ex EMS service
Length of license is 2 years

Ten different levels of certification of EMS units

- BLS-minimum 2 ECA's
- BLS with ALS-EMT and AEMT
- BLS with MICU-EMT and a Paramedic (certified or licensed)
- ALS-EMT and AEMT
- ALS with MICU-EMT and a Paramedic (certified or licensed)
- MICU-EMT and a Paramedic (certified or licensed)
- Air Medical
- Rotor wing
- Fixed wing
- Specialized

Treatment and Transport Protocols

- effective date
- non-certified personnel
- medical director signature
- geographical area and duty status
- equipment-minimum amount

Follow protocols, ensure ready stocked vehicle

EMS Rule-157.16

EMS Provider

- Disciplinary Rule
 - Reasons
 - Types
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=16](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=16)

Suspension-occurs when DSHS believes that a licensed provider is an imminent danger to public health or safety

Administrative penalty-occurs when an EMS provider is in violation of HSC 773 TAC Chapter 157

EMS Rule 157.33

- Certification
 - Requirements
 - Length
 - Reciprocity
 - Responsibilities of EMS Personnel
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=33](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=33)

Requirements

- Have to be 18 w/ a GED or high school diploma
- Submit application, fee, fingerprints
- Length of cert is four (4) years
- Can go inactive or request downgrade of cert

Reciprocity

- be NREMT, except for ECA
- submit curriculum and work history

EMS Rule 157.34

- Recertification
 - Requirements
 - Options
 - Late recertification
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=34](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=34)

Must be done prior to expiration date of certification, no grace period

Submit the appropriate fee

Military personnel can be granted a 1 year grace period if deployed

Options for recert

1. Take the NREMT exam-if applicant does not pass they cannot use any other option
2. Use NREMT as an option
3. Formal Re-cert course
4. Have a CCMP program

Late recert

-cert expires on date stated on cert

-if less than 90 days, fee can be submitted, skills proficiency has to be done

-if more than 90 days, fee can be submitted, skills proficiency has to be done

EMS Rule 157.36

EMS Personnel

- Disciplinary Actions
 - Reasons for
 - Types of
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=36](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=36)

EMS Rule 157.38

- Continuing Education
 - Local credentialing and authorization to practice
 - Definitions
 - Types of and criteria for acceptable
 - Responsibilities of EMS personnel
 - Audits
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=38](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=157&rl=38)

Texas Administrative Code Title 22 Chapter 197

○ Off-line Medical Director

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Experienced in pre-hospital emergency care

Licensed in TX

Develop, implement and revise protocols

Direct QA/QI system

Develop letter of agreement (LOA) between EMS organization and medical director

Suspend EMS providers ability to practice

Can supervise only 20 providers unless a waiver is completed

Texas Administrative Code Title 25 Chapter 103

- Injury Prevention and Control
 - Purpose
 - Confidentiality of Records
 - Reporting requirements
- [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=103&rl=5](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=25&pt=1&ch=103&rl=5)

Data transmission occurs electronically, if no runs, then agency must report that EMS provider may contract a third party service as long as there is a legally binding agreement between provider and third party service
Data submission is due within 90 days, from request by DSHS, but can also be done monthly