Appendix 1. Eligibility, Minimum Training Requirements, and Certification & License Provisions for EMTs and Paramedics in California

	Eligibility	Minimum Training Requirements	Written and Skills Exams	Length of Certification or Licensure	Continuing Education	Certification & License Provisions
EMT-I	• 18 years of age	114 hours total104 hours didactic10 hours clinical	•Administered by training program or local EMS agency	• 2 year certification with retesting every 4 years	• 24 hour refresher course or 24 hours of CE every 2 years	• Certified locally/ valid statewide
EMT-II	• 18 years of age • High school diploma or equivalent • EMT-I certificate • 1 year experience as an EMT-I	• 306 hours total • ~210 hours didactic & skills lab • ~96 hours hospital clinical training & field internship to include 20 ALS patient contacts	•Administered by training program or local EMS agency	• 2 year certification with retesting every 2 years	• 48 hours of CE every 2 years & 6 field care audits per year	Certified locally/ valid only where certified
Paramedic	• 18 years of age • High school diploma or equivalent • EMT-I certificate	• 1032 hours total • ~320 hours didactic & skills lab • ~160 hours hospital clinical training • 480 hours field internship to include 40 ALS patient contacts • 72 hours program choice	•Administered by the National Registry of EMTs (Paramedics are on an entirely different track from EMT-I and II)	• 2 year licensure without retesting	• 48 hours of CE every 2 years	• Licensed by state/ valid statewide; local accreditation

Source: California Emergency Medical Services Authority (1999-2000)