

Response to ACT 483 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session

Licensing of EMS Practitioners in 2024

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Emergency Medical Service Occupational Licenses

The Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health, Bureau of EMS (BEMS) coordinates, develops, improves, and maintains a comprehensive and dynamic emergency medical services system. This system ensures prompt, effective, and unimpeded service by appropriately educated and licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Practitioners and licensed EMS Providers to all residents and visitors of the state.

As a vital component of healthcare, public health and public safety, EMS responds to calls for help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. EMS saves lives from life-threatening emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes; treats injuries due to motor vehicle crashes, shootings, stabbings, and other violence; and provides care for the many other illnesses and injuries that occur daily. In addition, EMS provides care for chronic illnesses and preventive care through community paramedicine and mobile integrated healthcare programs.

Pursuant to [Act 483 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session](#), the following page contains a report regarding the requirements to obtain an initial EMS Practitioner license in the State of Louisiana. Also included is a link to the number of initial licenses and renewed licenses issued by parish of residence for the calendar year 2024.

EMS Licensing Requirements

EMS Practitioners are required to do all of the following to qualify to obtain an initial EMS Practitioner license in the State of Louisiana:

- Successfully complete an EMS Practitioner course in a state-approved educational program ([R.S. 40:1133.6](#))
- Successfully complete the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) cognitive and psychomotor certification exam (Emergency Medical Responder level option)
- Complete an EMS Practitioner license application and pay the required fees
- Obtain the criminal background information as outlined in [R.S. 40:1141](#) (not required at Emergency Medical Responder level)
 - If answering affirmatively to criminal background questions, comply with the requests of the EMS Certification Commission.

EMS Practitioner license renewal requires the licensee to do all of the following:

- Successfully complete the continuing education requirements listed on the NREMT website
- Renew National Registry certification (Emergency Medical Responder optional)
- Complete an EMS Practitioner license renewal application and pay the required fees
 - If answering affirmatively to criminal background questions, comply with the requests of the EMS Certification Commission.

The number of EMS Practitioner initial licenses and renewed licenses by parish of residence can be found at: [Act 483 Compliance: 2022 EMS Licensing Data | La Dept. of Health](#)

EMS Licensing by Parish and License Type

Parish	Initial	Renewal	Total
Acadia	100	90	190
Allen	65	82	147
Ascension	329	348	677
Assumption	17	39	56
Avoyelles	40	52	92
Beauregard	41	58	99
Bienville	21	26	47
Bossier	260	358	618
Caddo	210	322	532
Calcasieu	230	225	455
Caldwell	27	14	71
Cameron	25	28	53
Catahoula	7	8	15
Claiborne	21	17	38
Concordia	28	21	49
De Soto	105	21	126
East Baton Rouge	346	530	876
East Carroll	8	4	12
East Feliciana	36	44	80
Evangeline	148	24	172
Franklin	84	67	151
Grant	33	61	94
Iberia	108	67	175
Iberville	66	82	148
Jackson	61	73	134

Jefferson	564	453	1,017
Jefferson Davis	37	42	79
La Salle	4	2	6
Lafayette	555	302	857
Lafourche	86	161	247
Lincoln	21	38	59
Livingston	538	401	939
Madison	60	43	103
Morehouse	9	10	19
Natchitoches	44	58	102
Orleans	417	426	843
Ouachita	136	283	419
Plaquemines	59	65	124
Pointe Coupee	16	47	63
Rapides	268	202	470
Red River	16	11	27
Richland	28	23	51
Sabine	30	37	67
St. Bernard	29	83	112
St. Charles	3	107	110
St. Helena	14	16	30
St. James	45	54	99
St. John The Baptist	47	33	80
St. Landry	89	70	159
St. Martin	142	31	173
St. Mary	93	41	134
St. Tammany	388	413	801

Tangipahoa	239	219	458
Tensas	1	1	2
Terrebonne	97	129	226
Union	22	38	60
Vermilion	54	82	136
Vernon	72	51	123
Washington	91	60	151
Webster	39	32	71
West Baton Rouge	73	71	144
West Carroll	10	12	22
West Feliciana	31	31	62
Winn	41	8	49
Total	6,954	6,847	13,801

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