



ORANGE COUNTY AMBULANCE DRIVER/ATTENDANT LICENSE

I. AUTHORITY:

County of Orange Codified Ordinances, Division 9, 4-9-11(B), H&S Code, Division 2.5 §1797.204 & 1797.107; California Code of Regulations, Title 22 § 100061 & § 100063.

II. APPLICATION:

This policy describes the process by which an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is permitted to practice in Orange County the specific EMT scope of practice approved by the OCEMS Medical Director.

III. DEFINITIONS:

"Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License" means authorization by the OCEMS Medical Director to practice the Orange County specific EMT scope of practice as defined by OCEMS policy 315.00.

"Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License Course" means the course of instruction that includes the Orange County expanded scope curriculum and overview of the OCEMS system.

"Assist" or "assist patient with medication" means helping a patient with medication provided by or prescribed to the specific patient.

"Administer" means providing to a patient medications that are carried by pre hospital personnel and based on signs and symptoms, delivering medications for life threatening illnesses or injuries. Examples include oxygen and oral glucose.

IV. LICENSURE CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for licensure to practice utilizing the Orange County scope of practice for an EMT, an individual shall meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Possess a current and valid California EMT certificate.
- B. Not be precluded from licensure to practice as an EMT for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 (c) of the Health and Safety Code.
- C. Successfully complete the licensure process (See Section V) within a 30 day period of beginning employment with an OCEMS approved provider agency.

V. LICENSURE PROCESS:

To receive a Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License, the applicant shall meet the requirements as outlined in Option A or Option B:

- A. Option A: The applicants California EMT certificate is issued by OCEMS. Submit the following:
 - a. OCEMS application for Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License completed and signed.
 - b. Current and valid California EMT certificate.
 - c. OCEMS approved Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License course certificate. (Initial applicants only)



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- d. Current CPR certification (Healthcare provider, BLS Provider, or professional rescuer course as approved by the OCEMS Medical Director).
- B. Option B: The applicants California EMT certificate is issued by another certifying entity/EMS Agency other than OCEMS. Submit the following:
- a. OCEMS application for Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License completed and signed.
 - b. Current and valid California EMT certificate.
 - c. OCEMS approved Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License course certificate. (Initial applicants only)
 - d. Current CPR certification (Healthcare provider, BLS Provider, or professional rescuer course as approved by the OCEMS Medical Director).
 - e. Pay the established fee (Reference OCEMS Policy #470.00)

VI. LICENSURE RENEWAL

- A. Renewal of the Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License will follow the same process as initial licensure (See Section V)

VII. LICENSURE PERIOD:

License to practice the OCEMS local scope of practice shall be for a maximum of two (2) years from the date the individual satisfactorily completes all licensure requirements and has applied for the ambulance driver/attendant license. The license expiration date shall not exceed the individuals EMT Certification expiration date.

VIII. LICENSE CERTIFICATION:

OCEMS shall issue an electronic license to individuals meeting all accreditation criteria.

IX. DENIAL / SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF LICENSE:

Denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of Orange County Ambulance Driver/Attendant License will adhere to OCEMS Policy and Procedure #455.00.

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