



**EMS Information Bulletin 2021-09**

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**SUBJECT:** Resumption of Psychomotor Examinations

**TO:** PA EMS Education Institutes  
PA Regional EMS Councils

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 20, 2020 the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Bureau) issued [EMS Information Bulletin 2020-07 Alternate Pathway for Psychomotor Testing](#) as part of the Bureaus efforts to ensure a continued certification process for EMS students and to protect the health and safety of the exam participants.

In response to the lifting of various mitigation measures the bureau is implementing procedures to transition back to the administration of psychomotor examinations.

For any certification course that begins on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, students who meet the course completion requirements, are then required to complete both a Pennsylvania BLS psychomotor examination and a cognitive (written) exam in order to attain Pennsylvania EMS certification.

For students who have met or will meet course completion requirements of their EMT course that began before August 1st 2021 who have not yet obtained Pennsylvania EMS certification pending completion of a cognitive exam and still have cognitive exam eligibility shall be able to become certified by completing **ONLY** a cognitive (written) exam under the provisions of EMSIB 2020-07 until such time that their cognitive exam eligibility expires.

Applicants are reminded that they must attempt an examination within one year of completing the EMS education program and must successfully complete all required examinations within two years of their EMS education programs completion.

Please direct any questions to your Regional EMS Council.