

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians® <small>THE NATION'S EMS CERTIFICATION™</small>	<h1>Examinations Irregular Behavior</h1>		
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Intent

This policy specifies the situations which constitute irregular behavior during an examination. This may lead to action against a certification.

Scope

While the policy defines “irregular behavior,” it does not cover the reporting, investigation or response to irregular behavior.

Policy

Applicants should understand that engagement in any of the following activities may be sufficient cause to bar them from future examinations, to terminate their participation in an ongoing examination, to withhold, invalidate or revoke their results on an examination, to declare them ineligible for certification, to revoke their certifications or to take other appropriate action:

1. The giving or receiving of aid in the examination as evidenced either by observation or by statistical analysis of answers of one or more participants in the examination, including:
 - a. Any transfer of information or signals between examinees during the examination. This prohibition includes any transfer of information between an examinee and any other person at any time during the testing period, including bathroom breaks.
 - b. Any appearance of looking at the answers of another examinee during the examination.
 - c. Allowing another examinee to view one's answers or otherwise assisting another examinee in the examination.
 - d. Taking or seeking to take an examination for another candidate or causing another individual to take or attempt to take an examination on the candidate's behalf.
2. The unauthorized possession or reference to, books, notes, or other study, test or preparation materials at any time at the testing site, including bathroom breaks. Prohibited material includes written or electronically stored information or information transferred by electronic, acoustical, or other means and devices, including cell phones.
3. The making of threats to or engaging in unprofessional or abusive actions toward NREMT staff or agents.
4. The offering of any benefit to any agent of the NREMT or the testing service and/or a testing site administrator in return for any aid or assistance in taking an examination.
5. Creating a disturbance at the testing site, engaging in profane or abusive language directed at examinees or testing site administrators, tampering with the computer or otherwise not following the directions of a testing site administrator.

6. The unauthorized possession, disclosure, reproduction, dissemination or use of any examination content or materials or the solicitation of same. All examination materials are the property of the NREMT.

Rationale

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) serves as the *Nation's Emergency Medical Services Certification* organization. The NREMT has always been centered on the protection of the public and advancing the EMS profession, which includes adherence to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics. The NREMT provides National EMS Certification, which is part of a validated and legally defensible attestation of competency through examination. When established standards of competency and expectation have been compromised, public protection and examination validity are at risk. The general public, employers, and state licensing authorities know that individuals who obtain a National EMS Certification have demonstrated competency. This standard of competency for an individual cannot be validated when irregular behavior occurs and may additionally jeopardize exam security, public protection, and the reputation of National EMS Certification.

Related Policies and Procedures

- 61.10 - Cognitive Exam Policy – Grounds for Dismissal or Cancellation of Results
- 61.11 - Psychomotor Exam Policy - Grounds for Dismissal or Cancellation of Results
- 51.04 - Reporting of Possible Misconduct
- 51.01 - Terms of Certification
- 51.02 - Disciplinary Actions
- 51.07 - Code of Conduct

Document History

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