Why is the ALS Psychomotor Examination sunsetting?

This project will ensure psychomotor examination availability during the sunset of these examinations, the National Registry is committed to a transition plan which provides reasonable accessibility and a clear path to National Certification. The psychomotor examination will begin sunsetting on July 1, 2024, and will no longer be available after June 30, 2025. The psychomotor examination is fair, accessible, and reliable. Regardless of their course completion date, candidates will be given all reasonable opportunities to gain National Certification, within the bounds of organizational policy.

What You Need To Know

The National Registry is sunsetting the ALS Psychomotor Examination because this examination has been administered to thousands of emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and has standards that require updates to the National Registry's assessment process. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the accreditation body for certifying organizations, has standards that require updates to the National Registry's assessment process.

Key Takeaways

The psychomotor examination will begin sunsetting in July 2023, and will no longer be available after June 30, 2025.

Questions

My state still requires a psychomotor examination for state licensure, will that be a requirement for National Certification?

No, state requirements for state licensure are not impacted by the sunset of the ALS Psychomotor Examination.

If I complete my course before July 1, 2024, do I have to complete the "old cognitive exam" prior to July 1, 2024, and cannot complete the psychomotor examination before it is discontinued?

Yes, you will need to take the updated examination.

If I passed the "old cognitive exam" after July 1, 2024, do I have the option of taking the psychomotor examination?

Yes, you may still complete the "old cognitive exam" prior to July 1, 2024, you are required to take the updated examination.

If I completed my course before July 1, 2024, do I have to complete the "old cognitive exam" after July 1, 2024?

No. You will have exhausted the pathway to achieve National Certification and must complete a new education course.

Will the National Registry make psychomotor examination materials available to state agencies to allow continued state psychomotor examinations?

No. The National Registry is sunsetting the ALS Psychomotor Examination because this examination has been administered to thousands of EMTs, and has standards that require updates to the National Registry's assessment process.

Dates To Know

Late 2024/early 2025

No ALS psychomotor exams will be available. The National Registry will share discontinued examination materials with state EMS agencies.

July 1, 2024

No. It is not possible to "opt" into the updated psychomotor exam. The National Registry is sunsetting the ALS Psychomotor Examination because this examination has been administered to thousands of EMTs, and has standards that require updates to the National Registry's assessment process.

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

No. If you complete the "old cognitive exam" prior to July 1, 2024, and cannot complete the psychomotor examination before it is discontinued, you may still complete a new education course.

No. If you complete the "old cognitive exam" after July 1, 2024, you are required to take the updated examination.

No. You will have exhausted the pathway to achieve National Certification and must complete a new education course.

No. National Registry is also determining opportunities for recognition of the many years of experience and history of ALS Psychomotor Exams.

No. You will have exhausted the pathway to achieve National Certification and must complete a new education course.

No. With the launch of updated ALS certification examinations and the introduction of the National Registry’s updated examination, used in conjunction with the National Registry's updated examination, used in conjunction with the updated cognitive examination, the National Registry is committed to a transition plan which provides reasonable accessibility and a clear path to National Certification.