



## **Transitional Paramedic License, Military Servicemembers and Servicemember Spouses or Domestic Partners Rule Summary and Frequently Asked Questions**

The EMS & Trauma Systems program has modified the associate degree requirement for a person seeking Paramedic licensure, replacing the Provisional Paramedic license with a Transitional Paramedic license. A person who does not have an associate degree may obtain a Transitional Paramedic license if currently certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as a Paramedic, is sponsored by a licensed ambulance service, and meets specified requirements. The Transitional Paramedic license would be valid for 24 months, and may be renewed once, allowing an individual time to obtain an associate degree and to apply for a Paramedic license. A Transitional Paramedic may submit a request for hardship status which may provide an additional 12 months to obtain the associate degree for a total of 60 months.

Additional changes to rule included revising the work experience necessary for an out-of-state licensee to be eligible for reciprocity. Nationally registered Paramedics with an out-of-state license who have at least two of the last five years of advanced life support, first response Paramedic experience are eligible to obtain an Oregon license.

Lastly, rules were adopted allowing the program to issue a license to a military servicemember or the spouse or domestic partner of a servicemember that is stationed in Oregon, and who has a license to practice as an EMS provider in another state.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Where can I find more information on the Transitional Paramedic License to see if I am eligible?**

To learn more about the Transitional Paramedic License, visit our webpage and click "Initial License" at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/ProviderPartnerResources/EMSTraumaSystems/EMSTrainingCertification/Pages/index.aspx>

#### **When Can I Apply for a Transitional Paramedic License**

The Transitional Paramedic License application opened on December 1, 2023

#### **Where Do I Apply for a Transitional Paramedic License**

Persons may apply for a Transitional Paramedic License through eLicense at:

<https://oregon.imagetrendlicense.com/>

#### **What documentation will I need to apply for a Transitional Paramedic License?**

To apply for a Transitional Paramedic License, you will need:

- High School Diploma or a GED
- NREMT certification as a Paramedic
- BLS Provider CPR certification
- Letter of sponsorship from a licensed ambulance service
- Letter of support from the sponsoring service's medical director

**I have a Provisional Paramedic license and am continuing to take classes, do I need to obtain a Transitional Paramedic license?**

Provisional Paramedic license holders shall maintain this license for the duration of their agreement and do not need to apply for a Transitional Paramedic license.

**I have a Provisional Paramedic license that will expire prior to me finishing my classes, am I eligible to obtain a Transitional Paramedic license?**

If a Provisional Paramedic has not completed a degree within the 12 months set forth in their agreement, this license will expire. A Provisional Paramedic who has not completed a degree may apply for a Transitional Paramedic license.

**I am licensed as a Paramedic in another state, but I do not have a NREMT Paramedic certification. Would I be eligible for a Transitional Paramedic License?**

No. All initial applicants for an Oregon EMS provider license must be NREMT certified (EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, and Transitional Paramedic).

**I am licensed as a Paramedic in another state and have a NREMT Paramedic certification. Would I be eligible for a Transitional Paramedic License?**

You may be eligible for an Oregon Paramedic License by Reciprocity if you are licensed in another state, have a NREMT certification as a Paramedic, and have at least 2 out of the last 5 years of advanced life support, first response experience. If you do not meet the experience requirements but are licensed in another state, and have an NREMT certification as a Paramedic, you may be eligible for a Transitional Paramedic License.

**I work for a licensed Oregon ambulance service and we are sponsoring a Transitional Paramedic. What are the requirements for our service to sponsor the Transitional Paramedic?**

If a service sponsors a Transitional Paramedic, the service must:

- Provide the necessary information prescribed by the Authority and specified under OAR 333-265-0027 to the Transitional Paramedic applicant.
- Require a Transitional Paramedic to submit accurate, annual reports to the ambulance service on the status of meeting the requirements under OAR 333-265-0025(7)(a)(C)
- Require a Transitional Paramedic to notify the ambulance service of any request to the Authority seeking hardship status in accordance with OAR 333-265-0027 and the Authority's approval if applicable.
- Ensure steps will be taken or resources given to support a Transitional Paramedic in obtaining an associate degree.

**I changed jobs and now work for a different ambulance service agency. What do I need to do to retain my Transitional Paramedic License?**

Transitional Paramedics may not work or volunteer as an EMS provider in Oregon unless sponsored by a transporting, licensed Oregon ambulance service. Transitional Paramedics

must notify the Authority in writing of any changes to affiliation and be approved before they provide service.

**I am an active military servicemember stationed in Oregon with an EMS provider license from another state. How do I obtain an Oregon specific license?**

You may apply for a license through eLicense at: <https://oregon.imagetrendlicense.com/> and be prepared to submit the following information:

- Attest to having actively used the license from another state for a similar scope of practice during the two years immediately preceding relocation to Oregon;
- Copy of military orders for military service to a duty location located in Oregon by official active duty military order;
- A copy of the license from the state you are currently licensed in; and
- Documentation that you are in good standing and not subject to any disciplinary action in the state in which you are currently licensed.

**My wife is in the military and we were recently relocated to Oregon due to her military service. I am licensed as an EMS provider in another state. How can I obtain an Oregon license?**

You may apply for a license through eLicense at: <https://oregon.imagetrendlicense.com/> and be prepared to submit the following information:

- Attest to having actively used the license from another state for a similar scope of practice during the two years immediately preceding relocation to Oregon;
- A marriage certificate with your name and your wife's name;
- A copy of your wife's military orders for military service to a duty location located in Oregon;
- A copy of the license from the state you are currently licensed in; and
- Documentation that you are in good standing and not subject to any disciplinary action in the state in which you are currently licensed.

Additional questions may be submitted to [ems.trauma@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:ems.trauma@odhsoha.oregon.gov)