

Work Experience and Proof of Employment for Reciprocity Paramedic License Applicants Frequently Asked Questions

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.

I am applying for reciprocity as a Paramedic in the State of Oregon and I have my NREMT Paramedic certification, but I do not have an associate degree or higher. Can I use my experience within the last five years?

Yes, submit proof of having at least two of the last five years of ALS, first response, paramedic experience in another state or in the United States military at the National Registry Paramedic level.

What is acceptable experience at the Paramedic level?

This experience must include Advanced Life Support, 911-response with a prehospital agency where you were conducting patient assessments, made treatment decisions and completed patient care reports.

What type of documentation is needed for proof of experience?

Letters from employers must be on official letterhead, dated, with a signature block and contact information. Letters must be generated by an official from human resources, company CEO, Chief, or other person holding an official position within the agency who can verify your work history. If your letter(s) do not contain the required information, your application will be delayed and possibly rejected.

What if my experience is not 911-response or I do not have 2 years of experience?

If your work experience does not include 911-response or you do not have at least 24 months, you do not qualify for a paramedic license. You may qualify for a Transitional Paramedic license. Please see the Transitional Paramedic FAQ for more information (LINK)

What experience is not accepted?

OHA-EMS will not accept the following for prior work experience:

- Wildland fire deployments
- Contracted medical events

- Work in occupational medicine
- Off-shore contracted assignments
- Work in a clinic or hospital

Additional questions may be submitted to ems.trauma@odhsoha.oregon.gov

