

Transitional Paramedic License Frequently Asked Questions

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.

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 (this course must include a practical skills evaluation)
- Letter of sponsorship from a licensed ambulance service
- Letter of support from the sponsoring service's medical director

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 or an associate degree. If you do not meet the degree or 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.

If my Transitional Paramedic license expires, can I apply for reinstatement?

No, per [OAR 333-265-0027\(4\)\(d\)](#), a Transitional Paramedic license is not eligible for reinstatement.

Do I need to keep my NREMT Paramedic as a Transitional Paramedic?

Yes, the OHA-EMS Program requires that Transitional Paramedics must maintain their NREMT Paramedic certification while their license is active.

When should I submit my Transitional Paramedic Renewal Application?

The Transitional Paramedic Renewal Application will be available to you 90 days prior to your expiration date in your eLicense portal at <https://oregon.imagetrendlicense.com/>. You will need to submit the application 30 days prior to your expiration date.

How many times can I renew my Transitional Paramedic license?

A Transitional Paramedic license may be renewed one time in accordance with [OAR 333-265-0045](https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/ehs/ems/paramedic/paramedic_license_renewal.asp). The initial and renewal licenses are both 24 months in duration from the date of issue.

How long can I have a Transitional Paramedic license for while I obtain my degree?

A Transitional Paramedic licensee must obtain an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning and submit proof of the degree to the Authority within 48 months from the date of initial Transitional Paramedic licensure.

I will earn my degree after my Transitional Paramedic Renewal expires. Can I still work as a Transitional Paramedic until I am able to apply as a Paramedic?

No, you are not permitted to operate as an EMS Provider in Oregon after your Transitional Paramedic renewal has expired, until a new initial license has been issued.

I am a Transitional Paramedic and I have earned my associate degree. What do I do now?

Apply for a new initial Paramedic license through eLicense at:

<https://oregon.imagetrendlicense.com/> and be prepared to submit the following:

- NREMT Paramedic certification
- BLS Provider CPR certification (this course must include a practical skills evaluation)
- Proof of minimum education requirements of an associate degree or higher with one of the following:
 - Submit official transcripts indicating you have been awarded an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning. Transcripts (with identifying college/university info and watermark visible) from a college/university or clearinghouse are to be uploaded into your application. (Photos or a photocopy of your diploma certificate will not be accepted)
 - For current or recent students of an accredited Oregon paramedic program: submit a letter from the Registrar or the paramedic program director verifying that you have met the requirements and will be awarded an associate degree. This letter must be on official letterhead with signature block and contact information, dated within the last six months.

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