

National EMS-ID

The National EMS-ID is the standard unique identifier that links National EMS certification, state licensure, and EMS continuing education across a clinician's career. The National EMS Coordinated Database utilizes the EMS-ID to link personnel licensure across the United States EMS Compact. The EMS-ID is also used as the standard identifier for continuing education issued at national conferences, EMS education programs, and through the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education (CAPCE). Modeled after the National Provider Identifier (NPI) used by CMS, the EMS-ID is issued once, never expires, and contains no encoded personal data. It is the only national identifier in EMS history designed to serve as a master key across all three domains.

National EMS-ID Custom Elements

ePCR Element	Title	Description
eCrew.901	Crew Member National EMS ID	The National EMS ID associated with the crew member. This number must be 12 characters issued by the NREMT and is available for all EMS personnel. This number is populated from dPersonnel.901. This is not the same number as the national registry number.

Demographic Element	Title	Description
dPersonnel.901	EMS Personnel's National EMS ID	The National EMS ID associated with the personnel. This number must be 12 characters issued by the NREMT and is available for all EMS personnel. This number is used to populate eCrew.901. This is not the same number as the national registry number.

Please Note: The EMS-ID serves the entire EMS ecosystem as a stable, unique identifier. Unchanged over the entire career of EMS personnel, it creates the foundation for stronger interoperability across the field, including:

- Cleaner data exchange
- Improved credential verification
- Greater workforce mobility

It provides a more reliable way to identify EMS professionals consistently across the National Registry, the EMS Compact, state EMS offices, education programs, training agencies, employers, and other stakeholders.

Benefits of the National EMS-ID

- The 12-digit identifier is used by employers, hospitals, and clinicians to validate Privilege to Practice status at [emscompact.gov](https://www.emscompact.gov). Commission administrative rules require the EMS-ID to be displayed on all public license inquiries.
- Non-sensitive alternative to SSN for interstate data exchange, reducing PII exposure for EMS Clinicians.
- Creates a common identity layer for the EMS workforce: A National EMS ID provides a stable, unique identifier that can longitudinally assess the workforce across education, testing, certification, licensure, employment, interstate practice, and continuing competency.
- Improves interoperability across the EMS ecosystem: A shared identifier allows the National Registry, the EMS Compact, state EMS offices, education programs, training agencies, employers, and other stakeholders to reference the same individual more consistently across separate systems.
- Supports the EMS Compact and workforce mobility: For the EMS Compact, a National EMS ID can help connect individual clinicians across state lines, improving the ability to verify identity, confirm eligibility, support privilege-to-practice processes, and reduce confusion when clinicians practice in multiple jurisdictions.
- Supports training programs and continuing education providers: Training programs can use the EMS ID to more accurately associate individuals with continuing education, skills verification, refresher training, competency documentation, and other professional development activities.
- When stakeholders use a shared, stable identifier, the ecosystem gains greater confidence that certification, licensure, education, training, and employment records are attached to the correct person.
- Required key for the National EMS Coordinated Database (NEMSCD), established by law, that maintains licensure, adverse action, and significant investigatory information on all licensed individuals.

Suggested links

- <https://www.emscompact.gov>
- [https://www.emscompact.gov/the-commission/national-ems-coordinated-database-\(nemscd\)](https://www.emscompact.gov/the-commission/national-ems-coordinated-database-(nemscd))
- <https://www.emscompact.gov/the-commission/compact-governance/replica-model-legislation>
- <https://www.emscompact.gov/resources/benefits>
- <https://www.nremt.org/document/national-ems-id>
- <https://www.nremt.org/News/ems-id-release>