

	6510	PSFA Training Program Approval / Requirements
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	Training	
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Authority

California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 § 1797.204, 1797.210, and 1797.212.
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5

Purpose

To establish the Public Safety First Aid (PSFA) training program approval process and ongoing requirements of a Nor-Cal EMS approved PSFA training program.

Policy

1. Nor-Cal EMS has the primary responsibility for approving and monitoring PSFA training programs located within the Nor-Cal EMS region. No PSFA Training Program shall conduct PSFA training within the Nor-Cal EMS jurisdictional region unless approved by Nor-Cal EMS. This policy does not apply to PSFA programs approved by the California EMS Authority.
2. The following minimum requirements shall be met in order to be eligible for Nor-Cal EMS PSFA training program approval:
 - A. The initial course shall consist of at least 21 hours of first aid and CPR training.
 - B. Course content shall meet or exceed the requirements contained in California Code of Regulations, Division 9 Chapter 1.5 § 100017.
 - C. Each training program shall have an approved principal instructor who meets the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Currently certified or licensed in California, at a minimum as an EMT
 - b. Have at least one (1) year of EMS experience, at a minimum as an EMT
 - c. Qualified by education and experience methods, materials, and evaluation of instruction, which shall be documented by at least 40 hours in teaching methodology. Following, but not limited to, are examples of courses that meet the required instruction in teaching methodology:
 - California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) “Fire Instructor 1A and 1B”; or
 - National Fire Academy (NFA) “Fire Service Instructional Methodology” course; or
 - A training program that meets the U.S. DOT/NHTSA 2002 Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors, such as the EMS Educator Course of the National Association of EMS Educators
 - Individuals with equivalent experience may be provisionally approved for up to two (2) years by Nor-Cal EMS pending completion of the above specified requirements. Individuals with equivalent training resources are limited and who do not meet the above principal instructor requirements may be approved upon review of experience and demonstration of capabilities

- D. In addition to the approved principal instructor, each training program may also utilize teaching assistants who meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. Currently certified or licensed in California, at a minimum as an EMR
 - b. Have at least one (1) year of EMS experience, at a minimum as an EMR
 - c. Have any combination of knowledge, skills, and experience in teaching the course subject matter
 - E. Nor-Cal EMS shall be notified in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of any change in name, address, or telephone number of training program staff.
 - F. Classroom space, including any breakout skills rooms will be adequate in size and number for the amount of students being instructed.
 - G. The training program shall ensure there will be at least one (1) principal instructor or teaching assistant for each 10 students during skills practice/laboratory sessions. Each principal instructor or teaching assistant shall have access to all training equipment.
 - H. The initial and retraining course program will utilize a final written and skills examination approved by Nor-Cal EMS.
 - I. Each trainee who successfully completes an approved training course and successfully passes the competency based written and skills exams, shall be given a certification or written verification by the training program. The certificate or written verification of course completion shall include the following information:
 - a. Indication of initial or refresher training and the total number of training hours
 - b. Date of issue
 - c. Date of expiration, which shall be two (2) years from the date of course completion
 - J. The following course records shall be maintained for a minimum of four (4) years and be made available to inspection by Nor-Cal EMS Agency representatives upon request:
 - a. Complete outlines for each course given, including a brief overview, instructional objectives, comprehensive topical outline, methods of evaluation, and record of participant performance.
 - b. Record of times, places, and dates each course is given.
 - c. Names of instructors and teaching assistants for each course given.
 - d. A roster of all students who participated in the PSFA training course including information regarding whether the candidates passed or failed and any of the remediation that was provided.
 - K. Individual classes or activities shall be open for scheduled or unscheduled visits by Nor-Cal EMS staff.
3. Eligible individuals/organizations interested in obtaining program approval shall submit a completed PSFA Training Program Provider Application to Nor-Cal EMS. A completed initial/renewal application shall include the following:
- a. The name and qualifications (resume) of the proposed Principal Instructor and any proposed Teaching Assistants.
 - b. A statement verifying that the program meets or exceeds the standards of the State of California Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1.5, §100017.
 - c. A detailed course outline
 - d. Final written examination and scoring standards
 - e. Skills Competency testing criteria and scoring standards
 - f. The location at which the courses are to be offered and their proposed dates
 - g. A statement verifying that the appropriate equipment and adequate classroom space is available for the classes to be taught
 - h. The applicable initial or renewal program approval fee

4. Nor Cal EMS Agency will notify the eligible training provider of receipt of the application within 21 working days of receiving the request.
5. Nor-Cal EMS Agency shall provide written notification of program approval or disapproval within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the application.
6. Program approval shall be granted for a four (4) year period.
7. The training program shall submit an application for renewal to Nor-Cal EMS at least sixty (60) calendar days before the expiration date (four years from the date of approval) of their PSFA training program in order to maintain continuous approval.
8. All PSFA training program requirements as specified in this policy shall be met and maintained for program renewal.
9. PSFA Training Program Provider Disapproval and/or Noncompliance:
 - A. Noncompliance with any criteria required for PSFA training program approval, use of any unqualified teaching personnel, or noncompliance with any other applicable provision of this policy may result in denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of PSFA training program approval.
 - B. Notification of noncompliance and action to place on probation, suspend, or revoke shall be carried out as follows:
 - a. Nor-Cal EMS will notify the approved training program principal instructor in writing, by certified mail, electronically, or in person of the provision of this policy with which the training program is not in compliance.
 - b. Within 15 working days of receipt of the notification of noncompliance, the approved training program shall submit in writing, by certified mail, electronically or in person to Nor-Cal EMS one of the following:
 - Evidence of compliance with the provisions of this policy, or
 - A plan for meeting compliance with the provisions of this policy within 60 calendar days from the date of receipt of the notification of noncompliance
 - c. Nor-Cal EMS will notify the California EMS Authority and the approved training program in writing, by certified mail or in person, of the decision to accept the evidence of compliance, accept the plan for meeting compliance, place on probation, or suspend or revoke training program approval:
 1. Within 15 working days of receipt of the response from the approved training program, or
 2. Within 30 calendar days from the posting date of the noncompliance notification if no response is received from the approved training program.
 - d. Notices of suspension, revocation, or probation will include:
 1. the beginning and ending dates of the probation or suspension and,
 2. the terms and conditions for lifting of the probation or suspension or
 3. the effective date of the revocation, which may be less than 60 calendar days from the date Nor-Cal EMS' letter of decision to the California EMS authority and the training program
 - C. Non-approved programs and Programs in Noncompliance shall not begin trainings, and/or suspend trainings immediately.
 - D. Initial applicants and previously approved PSFA training programs may appeal to the Nor-Cal EMS Board of Directors, decisions by Nor-Cal EMS staff to deny approval or take action against an PSFA training program.