

**65-6123. Emergency medical technician-defibrillator; authorized activities; transition course.** (a)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency medical technician-defibrillator may:

- (1) Perform any of the activities identified in K.S.A. 65-6121, and amendments thereto;
- (2) when approved by medical protocols or where voice contact by radio or telephone is monitored by a physician, physician assistant where authorized by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse where authorized by a physician, or licensed professional nurse where authorized by a physician, and direct communication is maintained, upon order of such person, may perform electrocardiographic monitoring and defibrillation;
- (3) perform, during an emergency, those activities specified in subsection (b) before contacting the persons identified in subsection (b) when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols; or
- (4) perform, during nonemergency transportation, those activities specified in this section when specifically authorized to perform such activities by medical protocols.

(b) An individual who holds a valid certificate as an emergency medical technician-defibrillator once successfully completing an emergency medical technician-intermediate, initial course of instruction and the board prescribed transition course, and validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency as determined by rules and regulations of the board, may apply to transition to become an advanced emergency medical technician. Alternatively, upon application for renewal, such individual shall be deemed to hold a certificate as an advanced emergency medical technician under this act, provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of successful completion of a transition course, and such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an advanced emergency medical technician.

(c) "Renewal" as used in subsection (b), refers to the second opportunity after December 31, 2011, that an attendant has to apply for renewal of a certificate.

(d) Emergency medical technician-defibrillator attendants who fail to meet the transition requirements as specified may complete either the board prescribed emergency medical technician transition course or emergency medical responder transition course, provide validation of cognitive and psychomotor competency provided such individual has completed all continuing education hour requirements inclusive of the successful completion of a transition course as determined by rules and regulations of the board. Upon completion, such emergency medical technician-defibrillator may apply to transition to become an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Alternatively, upon application for renewal of an emergency medical technician-defibrillator certificate, the applicant shall be renewed as an emergency medical technician or an emergency medical responder, depending on the transition course that was successfully completed. Such individual shall not be required to file an original application for certification as an emergency medical technician or emergency medical responder.

(e) Failure to complete either the advanced emergency medical technician transition requirements, an emergency medical technician transition course or an emergency medical responder transition course will result in loss of certification.

**History:** L. 1988, ch. 261, § 23; L. 1991, ch. 203, § 6; L. 1994, ch. 154, § 5; L. 1998, ch. 133, § 8; L. 2004, ch. 117, § 12; L. 2010, ch. 119, § 6; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 85; L. 2011, ch. 114, § 63; Jan. 1, 2012.