

4765-1-01

**Definitions.**

As used in Chapters 4765-1 to 4765-10 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Administrator" means the individual appointed by the director of public safety pursuant to section 4765.03 of the Revised Code to serve as the chief executive officer of the board of emergency medical services and as the executive director of the division of emergency medical services.
- (B) "Affiliation agreement" means a written agreement between an EMS training program and any person that sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties and that provides for either of the following:
  - (1) The use of specified equipment necessary in the training of EMS personnel;
  - (2) A site for the clinical experience or prehospital internship components of an EMS training program.
- (C) "Board" means the emergency medical services board within the division of emergency medical services of the department of public safety created in section 4765.02 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Certificate to practice" means the certificate to practice as a first responder, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic issued by the division pursuant to section 4765.30 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-8 of the Administrative Code as directed by the board.
- (E) "Clinical experience" means training in a hospital or other clinical setting that allows an EMS student to develop and utilize EMS procedures and protocols in a supervised setting and leads to an understanding of hospital emergency departments as well as their relationship to other departments such as anesthesia, coronary care, critical care and obstetrics.
- (F) "Cooperating physician advisory board" means those physicians whom an emergency medical service organization has designated pursuant to section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, to perform the duties of medical director including establishing medical protocols that must be followed in the delivery of emergency medical services.
- (G) "The division" means the division of emergency medical services within the department of public safety.

- (H) "Drop back" is the process by which an EMT chooses to become certified to practice at a lower level than the one at which he is currently certified.
- (I) "EMS" means emergency medical service as defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.
- (J) "EMT" means emergency medical technician.
- (K) "EMT-basic" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as an emergency medical technician-basic.
- (L) "EMT-intermediate" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as an emergency medical technician-intermediate.
- (M) "EMT-paramedic" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as an emergency medical technician-paramedic.
- (N) "First responder" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate issued under section 4765.30 of the Revised Code to practice as a first responder.
- (O) "Good reputation" means:
- (1) If the person is an individual, he is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action by any agency of the federal, state, or local government, and has not been denied a license or certificate or had a license or certificate limited, suspended, or revoked by any public agency.
  - (2) If the person is not an individual, that it is in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations that are applicable to its operations, is not currently under investigation by any agency of the federal, state, or local government, has not been denied any necessary licenses or certificates, or had such licenses or certificates limited, suspended, or revoked.
- (P) "Government unit" means the state and any county, municipal corporation, township, or other political subdivision of the state, any department, division, board, or other agency of the state or a political subdivision.

- (Q) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3701.07 of the Revised Code.
- (R) "Moral turpitude" means the act of baseness, vileness, or the depravity in private and social duties which one owes to society, contrary to accepted and customary rule of right and duty between human beings.
- (S) "Nurse" or "registered nurse" means an individual who holds a current, valid license issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code authorizing the practice of nursing as a registered nurse.
- (T) "Person" includes any individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, association, government unit or other entity.
- (U) "Physician" means an individual who holds a current, valid certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.
- (V) "Prehospital emergency medical services" means an emergency medical service system that provides medical services to patients who require immediate assistance, because of illness or injury, prior to their arrival at an emergency medical facility and functions as an EMS organization.
- (W) "Prehospital internship" means training outside of a classroom or clinical facility that allows an EMS student to develop and utilize EMS procedures and protocols under supervision in a prehospital setting and affords the opportunity to gain an understanding of the nature of prehospital EMS practice and the relationship between it and hospital emergency departments.
- (X) "Program coordinator" means that person who is responsible for the general administration and operation of an EMS training program that applies for, or holds, a certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval issued by the board under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code.
- (Y) "Program medical director" means a physician who is involved in the practice or supervision of emergency medicine in a hospital or prehospital setting and who assumes responsibility for the medical components of an EMS training program that applies for, or holds, a certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval issued by the board under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code.
- (Z) "Provisional accreditation" means the approval by the board of a certificate of accreditation on a provisional basis in accordance with division (C) of section

4765.17 of the Revised Code.

- (AA) "Regional physician advisory board" means the physician advisory board appointed by the board pursuant to section 4765.05 of the Revised Code to oversee the delivery of prehospital emergency medical services in each region of the state.
- (BB) "Reinstatement" is the process by which an EMT or first responder, whose certificate to practice in Ohio has since expired, may regain certification.
- (CC) "Special topics instructor" means a person who applies for, or holds, a certificate to teach special topics issued by the division in accordance with section 4765.23 of the Revised Code and rule 4765-8-14 of the Administrative Code as directed by the board.
- (DD) "State medical director" means the physician appointed by the board to serve as its medical director pursuant to section 4765.03 of the Revised Code.
- (EE) "Substantial compliance" means that a person seeking accreditation under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code and this chapter meets the minimum standards set forth in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(10) and (A)(13) to (A)(19) of rule 4765-7-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (FF) "Trauma" or "traumatic injury" means severe damage to or destruction of tissue that satisfies both of the following conditions:
- (1) It creates a significant risk of any of the following:
    - (a) Loss of life;
    - (b) Loss of a limb;
    - (c) Significant, permanent disfigurement;
    - (d) Significant, permanent disability.
  - (2) It is caused by any of the following:
    - (a) Blunt or penetrating injury;
    - (b) Exposure to electromagnetic, chemical, or radioactive energy;

(c) Drowning, suffocation, or strangulation;

(d) A deficit or excess of heat.

(GG) "Automated external defibrillation" or "AED" means the process of applying a specialized defibrillator to a patient of cardiac arrest, allowing the defibrillator to interpret the cardiac rhythm and, if appropriate, deliver an electrical shock to the heart that will allow the heart to resume an effective electrical activity. Automated external defibrillation can include either fully-automatic or semi-automatic external defibrillation.

(HH) "Institution" means any public agency, private school, educational institution, emergency medical service organization, vocational school, college, university, or hospital.

(II) "Medical direction" means the written or verbal authorization of a physician or cooperating physician advisory board, designated pursuant to section 4765.42 of the Revised Code, that may be required prior to the performance of certain prehospital emergency medical services by a first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-intermediate, or EMT-paramedic.

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