

## **Initial License for Paramedic (PARA)**

Individuals seeking EMS Professional License in TN must meet the following Requirements:

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- Must be able to read, write, and speak the English language;
- Must possess an academic high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma (G.E.D);
- Must hold a current Tennessee license as an AEMT;
- Must have no history within the past three years of habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice as an emergency medical technician;
- Must present evidence to the Office of Emergency Medical Services of a medical examination certifying physical health sufficient to conduct activities associated with patient care, including, but not limited to, visual acuity, speech and hearing, use of all extremities, absence of musculoskeletal deformities, absence of communicable diseases, and suitable emotional fitness to provide for the care and lifting of the ill or injured. This information shall be provided on a form approved by the Board and shall be consistent with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the requirements of National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians;
- Must submit two recent (within the preceding 12 months) original letters from medical professionals attesting to applicant's personal moral character;
- Must successfully complete an EMS Board approved Paramedic course;
- Must submit a completed application for licensure;
- Must achieve a passing score on an EMS Board approved written examination;
- Must successfully complete an EMS Board approved practical examination;
- Must complete a criminal background check from the State approved vendor;
- Must pay all required application and license fees;
- Must disclose circumstances surrounding any conviction of any criminal law violation other than minor traffic violations, denial of professional licensure/certification, discipline, loss or restriction of licensure or certification by any other state or discipline;
- Must complete entire license process within two years of course completion; after two years the application will be considered abandoned and will be destroyed.