

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY FOR IOWA EMS CERTIFICATION

An individual who has a current certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT, website nremt.org) is eligible for initial lowa EMS certification. The instructions below are for individuals who are participating in an Iowa Authorized EMS Training Program as part of the process in obtaining current certification with the NREMT, or those individuals who already have a current certification with the NREMT.

Use the following link to access the online licensing system: https://amanda-portal.idph.state.ia.us/adpereh/portal/#/dashboards/index

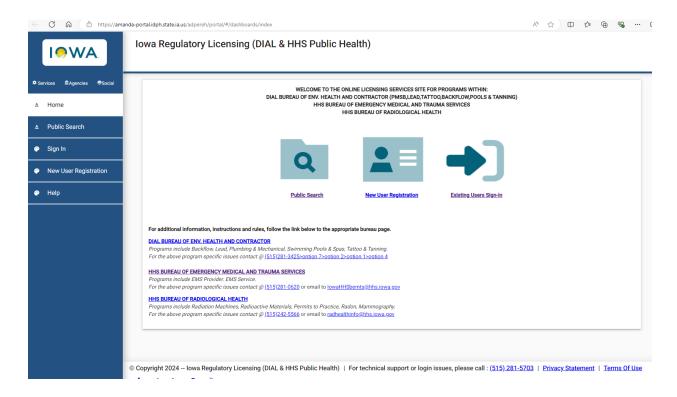
NOTE: You must use either Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge when applying online.

If you need assistance with questions in the application form after reviewing these instructions, contact the Iowa Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services at 515-631-0100 or IowaHHSbemts@hhs.iowa.gov.

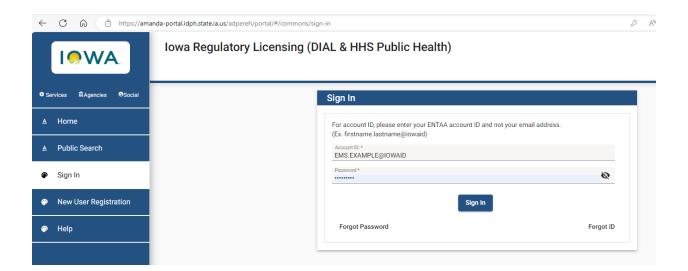
STEP 1: NEW USER REGISTRATION & SIGN IN

If you have never created an account for AMANDA or any other secured site managed by the state of lowa, you will need create an account id by selecting **New User Registration**. You will be taken to a Create an Account page. Follow the prompts to create your account id and password to utilize AMANDA.

For assistance with finding a username or resetting a password, contact the Department of Management Information Technology Help Desk: 515-281-5703 or 1-800-532-1174.



After creating your user id and password, **Sign In** on the portal if you are not already signed in.

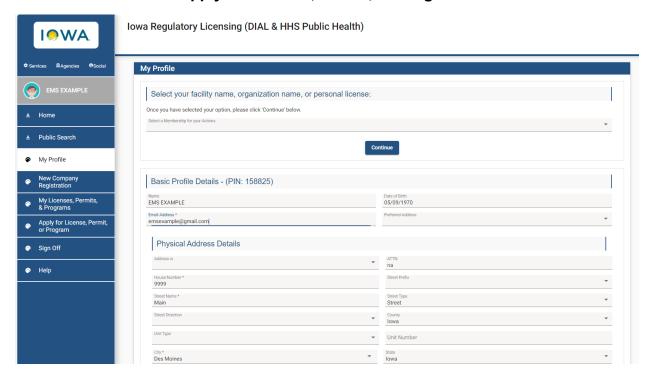


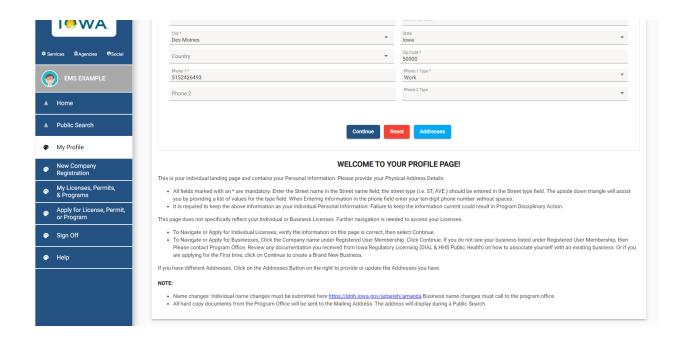
After signing in, you will be taken to the **My Profile** page.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NEED YOUR PIN IN ORDER TO SCHEDULE YOUR FINGERPRINTING WITH FIELDPRINT FOR YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK, THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO RECORD YOUR PIN WHICH IN PARENTHESES NEXT TO "BASIC PROFILE DETAILS" ABOVE YOUR NAME.

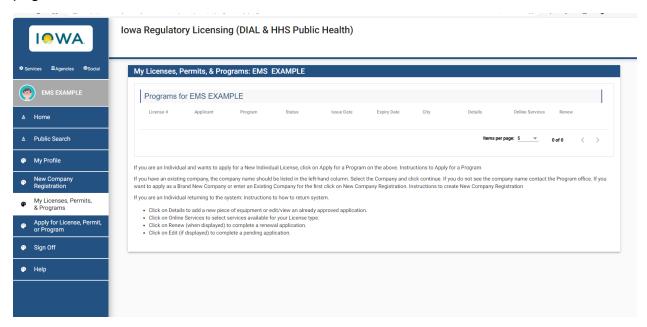
More information on Fieldprint can be found on the Bureau's web page Emergency Medical Services | Health & Human Services. Or you can find a copy of the Fieldprint Scheduling Aid starting on page 29.

Click Continue or click Apply for License, Permit, or Program.





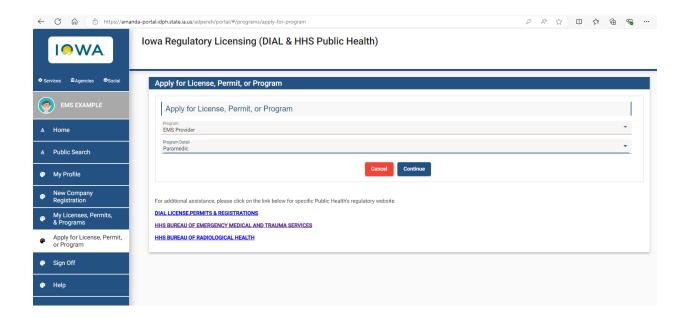
If you clicked **Continue**, you will be taken to your **My Licenses, Permits, & Programs** page.



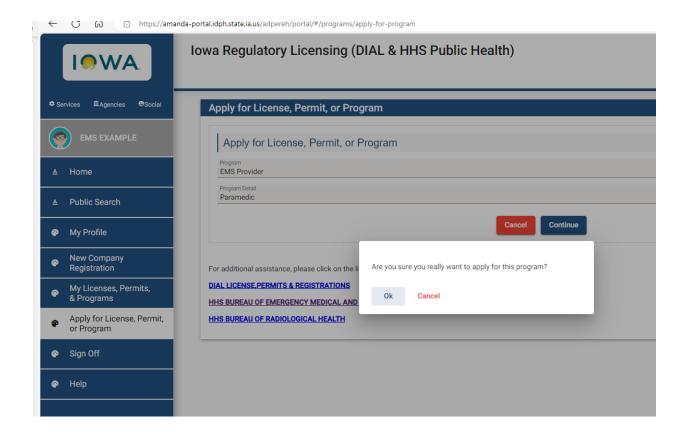
STEP 2: APPLY FOR LICENSE, PERMIT, OR PROGRAM

To apply for an EMS provider certification, click on **Apply for License**, **Permit, or Program**.

On the **Apply for License, Permit, or Program** page, select your **Program** as "EMS Provider" and select your **Program Detail** as the level of certification you are applying for (EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic) then click **Continue**.

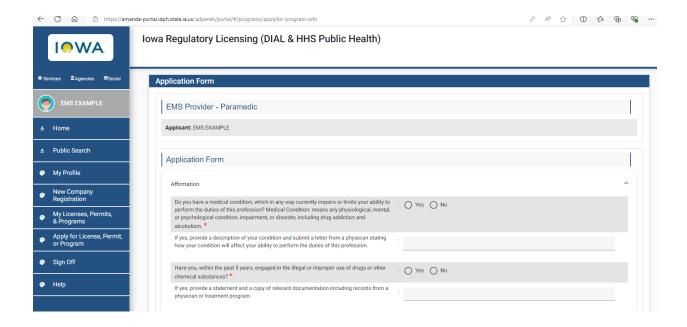


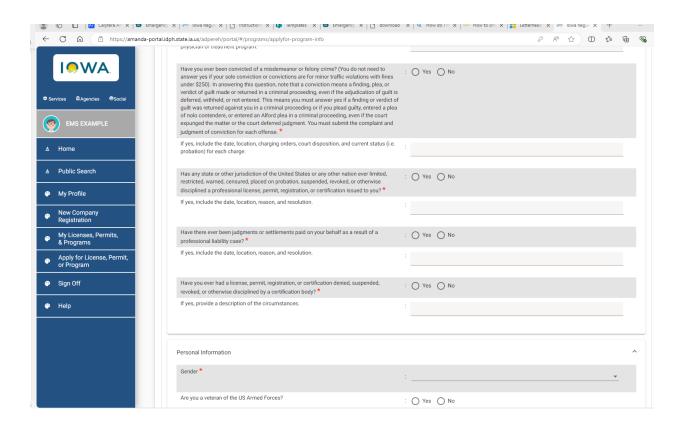
A pop-up message will appear. Click **OK** to continue with the application.

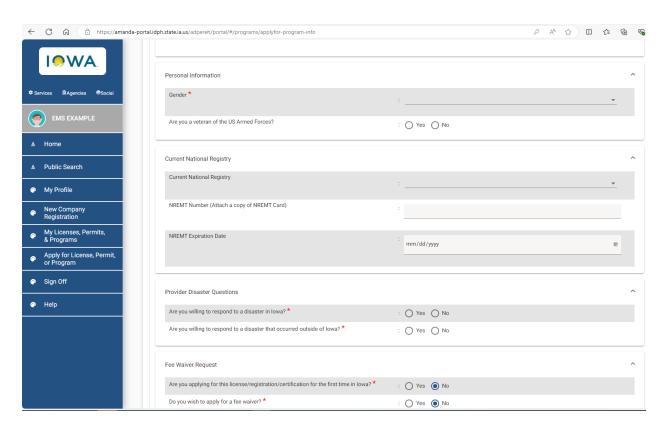


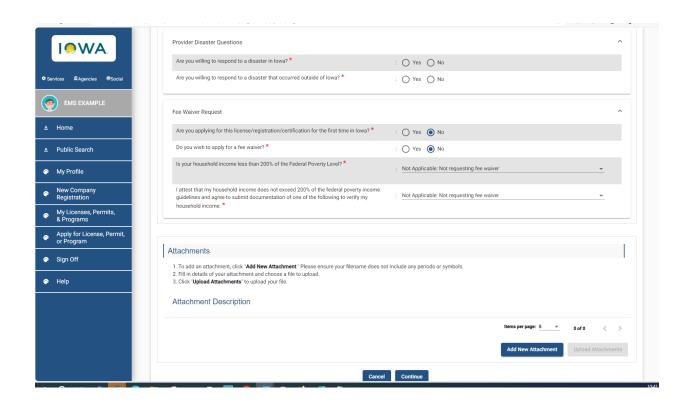
STEP 3: APPLICATION FORM Preview

The next 4 (four) screenshots show all the Application Form sections and questions.





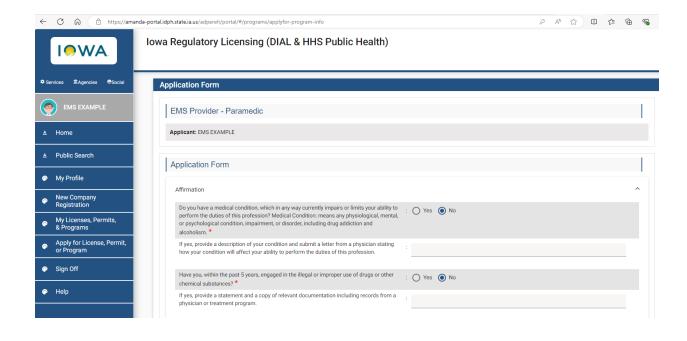


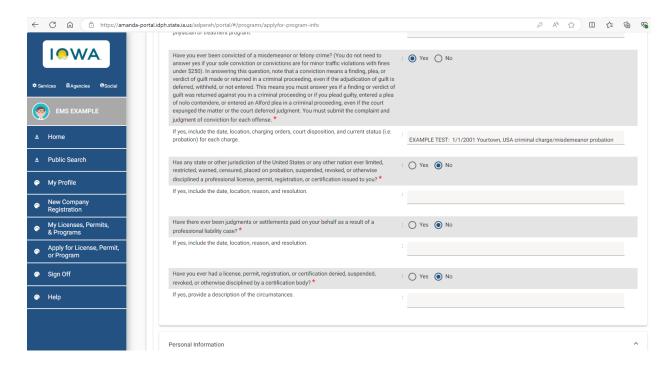


STEP 4: APPLICATION FORM Affirmation

All questions in this section are required and must be answered. If you answer <u>Yes</u> to any of these questions, provide a brief description of all relevant information into the text box provided below. You may need to provide additional details in an attachment. (See STEP 9: ATTACHMENTS).

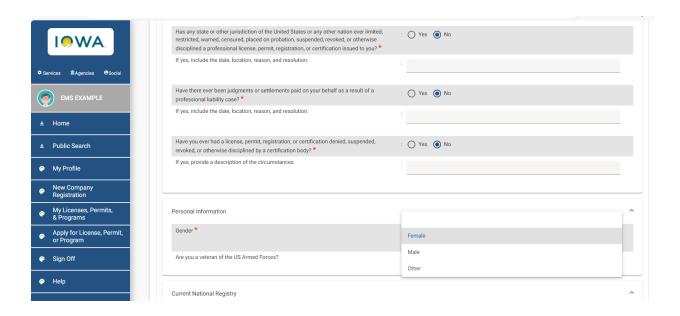
You can also reference **EMS Application Affirmation Question Guidance** starting on page 24.





STEP 5: APPLICATION FORM Personal Information

Please answer the following two (2) questions, the Gender selection is a required field.



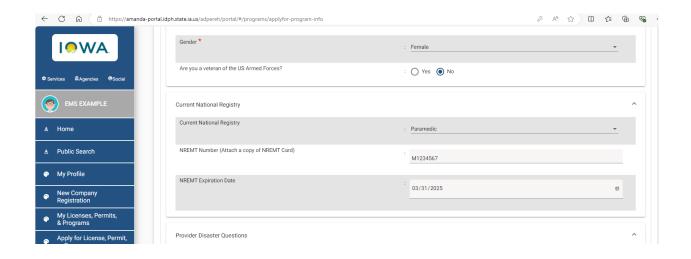
STEP 6: APPLICATION FORM Current National Registry

If you are or have been an EMS student in an Iowa Authorized EMS Training Program, you may not have obtained your National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) and are working toward meeting the NREMT requirements. If that is the case, you can leave this section blank and move onto Step 7.

If you already have a current registration with the NREMT, you are eligible to apply for initial EMS provider certification in Iowa. You will need to fill in all three fields below and it is recommended that you attach a copy of your NREMT in "Attachments." (See STEP 9: ATTACHMENTS)

NREMT Number format is one of 4 (four) letters followed by 7 (seven) numbers specific to your certification.

R = EMR level; E = EMT level; A = AEMT level; and M = Paramedic



STEP 7: APPLICATION FORM Provider Disaster Questions

The two questions in this section are required and you must select either "Yes" or "No."



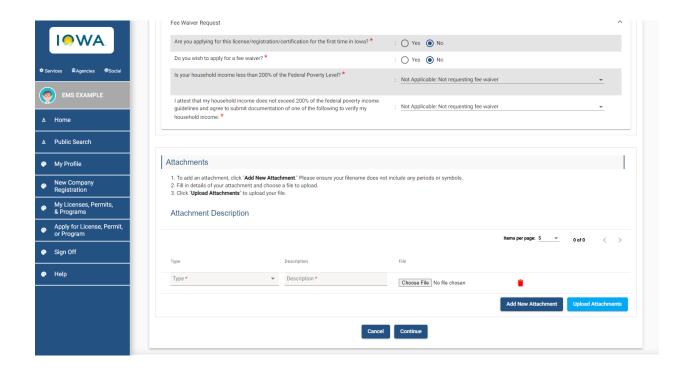
STEP 8: APPLICATION FORM Fee Waiver Request

The questions in this section are required to answer. You may be eligible to waive the initial application fee. To be eligible for the waiver of the initial application fee, you will need to provide documentation to show household income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty guideline.

Here is a list of possible documentation you can provide to demonstrate household income or eligibility for the fee waiver. Please mark out any sensitive information not pertaining to eligibility information (examples of what you may mark out SSN or DOB).

- 1. Copies of latest federal or state tax returns (for applicant or whomever claims the applicant as a dependent).
- 2. Proof of total income for household through other supportive documents (paystubs, W-2/1099s, social security benefits letter, unemployment benefits letter, etc.)
- 3. Proof of enrollment in a state of federal assistance program (Medicaid, WIC, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, etc.)
- 4. Letter of explanation as to why applicant cannot provide any of the above and attestation to meeting the requirements.

If you select "Yes" for the question: "Do you wish to apply for a fee waiver?" You can attach a copy of one of the items listed above to the "Attachments." (See STEP 9: ATTACHMENTS)



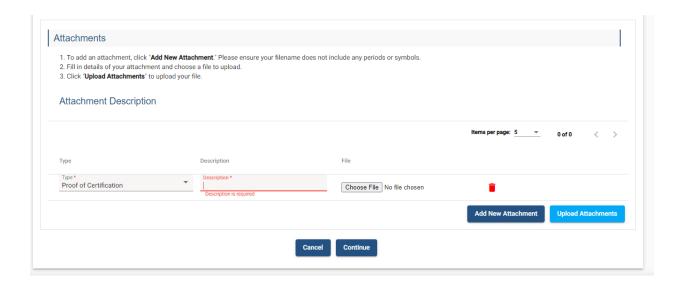
STEP 9: ATTACHMENTS (OPTIONAL)

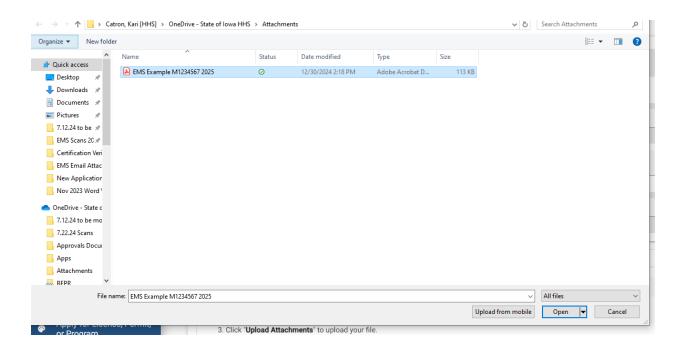
Click the **Add New Attachment** button at the very end of the application form.

Click in the **Type** field for the drop-down menu. Select the type of attachment.

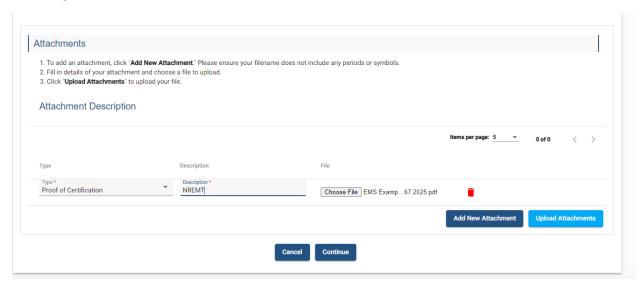


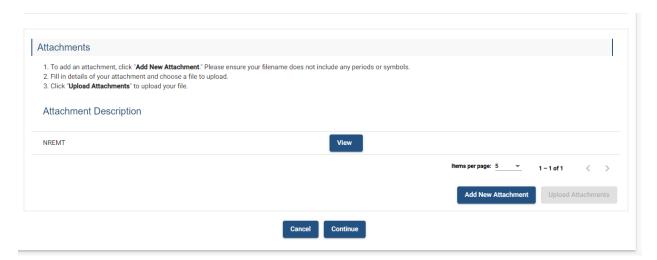
Include a short **Description** of the attachment. Click **Choose File** and select a document from your files.





Click Upload Attachments.





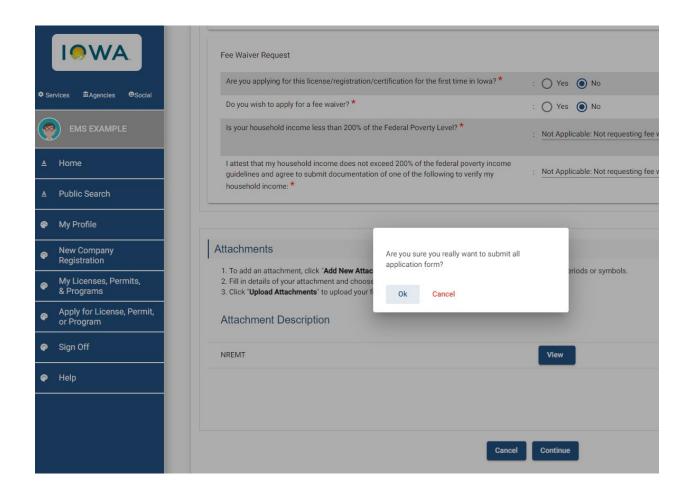
NOTE: If you attach a document in error, <u>it cannot</u> <u>be removed by you</u>. You will need to contact the EMS Program staff to have it removed.

If you need to gather information, or add additional documentation, you can leave the application webpage and return later to complete when you select "Edit" instead of Renew.

IF YOU CLICK CANCEL – this will void your entire application, and you will need to start over again.

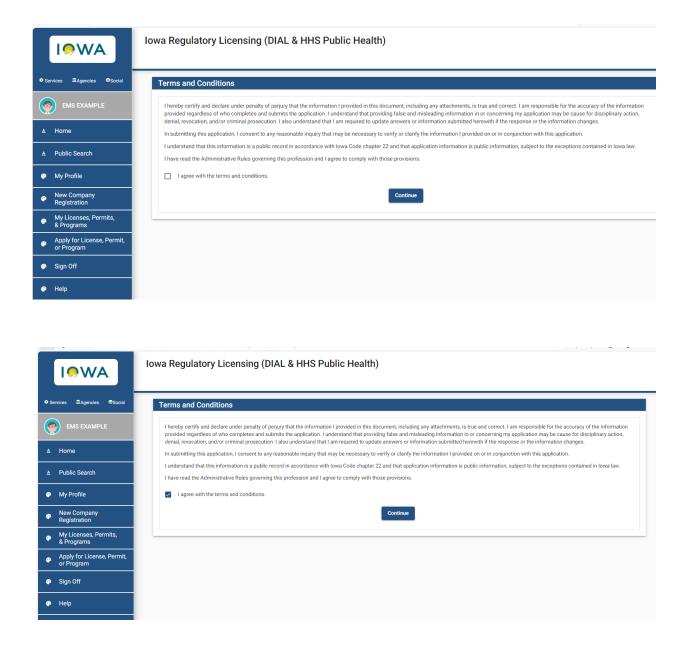
When you click **Continue**, a pop-up message will appear.

Click **OK** to proceed to the next page.



STEP 10: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the terms and conditions. If you agree, click the box next to the "I agree with the terms and conditions, then click **Continue**.

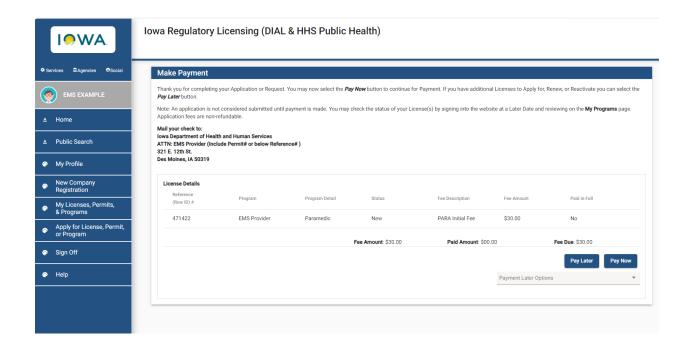


STEP 11: MAKE A PAYMENT

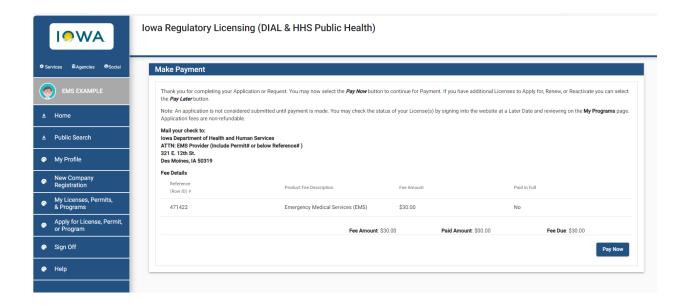
Select **Pay Now** if you are ready to pay.

If you are not ready to make a payment, or need to attach additional documents, click the **Pay Later** button to be returned to your programs page. Click <u>Details</u> to view your application and add additional attachments.

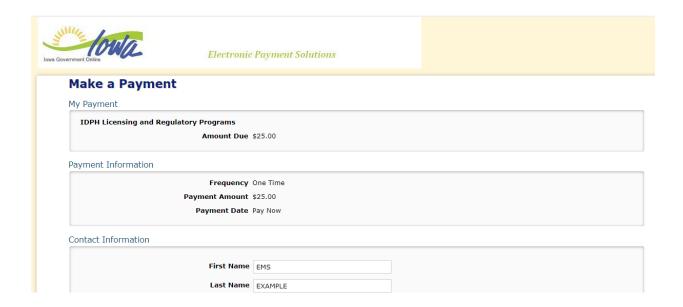
When you are ready to pay, you will need to go to the AMANDA portal and sign in your account ID and password. Click <u>Details</u> next to your renewal application to view your application and add additional attachments. Click **Make a Payment** and follow the steps. (**Note**: your application is not considered submitted until payment is made.)



When you click on **Pay Now**, the next screen you come to will also give you the option to click **Pay Now** again. Click **Pay Now** if you are ready to pay.



You will be taken to a different site to make the payment. Follow the prompts here to complete the payment. Make sure to record your confirmation number.



STEP 12: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMS NEW CERTIFICATION

1. <u>BACKGROUND CHECK:</u> A background check is required for initial lowa EMS certification. It is also required if apply for a new level (example, you have a current EMT and you are seeking certification as a paramedic.) If you have not already done so you will need to schedule a time for fingerprinting with Fieldprint. Here is the Fieldprint lowa Website <u>Fieldprint® lowa</u>. Here is the website for out-of-state applicants <u>Fieldprint</u>. You can find the Fieldprint lowa Scheduling Aid Document on the lowa HHS Emergency Medical and Trauma Services website <u>Emergency Medical Services & Trauma | Health & Human Services</u>. Be sure to have your AMANDA PIN when you schedule your fingerprinting session with Fieldprint.

After you have completed your fingerprinting session, the background check results will be sent directly to the Bureau for review and update of your application information. It can take up to 8 weeks for the Bureau to receive the results.

- 2. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (NREMT): If you do not have your NREMT at the time of application, and you are in the process of completing an lowa EMS training program course and testing, the Bureau receives weekly reports on updates for NREMT cognitive exam results. If you have completed all the NREMT requirements, the Bureau will be able to verify your NREMT status from these reports. Once the Bureau can verify your NREMT is current, the Bureau will update your NREMT information in your application.
- 3. Once all the Iowa EMS certification application requirements are met, the Iowa Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services will activate your EMS certification in AMANDA, and you will receive an email notification of Iowa EMS certification activation with a wallet card attached to the email.

EMS Application Affirmation Questions Guidance

The following information has been established to provide consistent guidance to EMS applicants when completing an EMS renewal application as required by the Bureau.

Specific questions regarding potential background disqualifiers, or how a prior criminal offense or conviction may affect an EMS applicant's ability to obtain Iowa EMS certification, should be directed to Travis Clark, Bureau of Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Compliance Officer at (515) 322-6161 or travis.clark@hhs.iowa.gov.

1: Do you have a medical condition, which in any way currently impairs or limits your ability to perform the duties of this profession? Medical Condition: means any physiological, mental, or psychological condition, impairment, or disorder, including drug addiction and alcoholism.

Guidance

- This question does **NOT** require a student to disclose acute or chronic medical conditions which will not impede the individual from performing the duties of an EMS clinician. The intent of this question is to determine if there is a specific medical condition, as diagnosed by a physician, which will *impair or limit* the ability of the individual to provide EMS care. As an example, if the student has migraine headaches they would only need to disclose this information if it will in some way impair or limit their ability to provide EMS care. Corrected vision, asthma, do NOT need to be disclosed.

1.1: If yes, provide a statement and a copy of relevant documentation including records from a physician or treatment program.

- If the student answers "yes" to the previous question the EMS student application will not be processed until a letter from a physician is received, reviewed and approved by the Department or the Department's medical director indicating the identified medical condition will not impair or limit the ability of the EMS clinician to provide patient care.

2: Have you, within the past five years, engaged in the illegal or improper use of drugs or other chemical substances?

Guidance

- This question addresses the illegal or improper use of any drug or chemical substance. Illegal or improper use means the use of any drug or substance which is prohibited by state or federal law from use, possession or manufacture without a valid prescription. Additionally, improper use includes the excessive use, or use in consistent with the direction, of prescribed medications prescribed to yourself or to another.

2.1: If yes, provide a statement and copy of relevant documentation including records from a physician or treatment program.

- If the student answers "yes" to the previous question the EMS student application will not be processed until a documentation surrounding the incident is received, reviewed and approved by the Department or the Department's medical director indicating the previous or current usage will not impair or limit the ability of the EMS clinician to provide patient care. An EMS student applicant may be required to submit to a substance abuse evaluation, at the student's cost, prior to becoming eligible for lowa certification.
- 3: Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony crime? (You do not need to answer yes if your sole conviction or convictions are for minor traffic violations with fines under \$250). In answering this question, note that a conviction means a finding, plea, or verdict of guild made or returned in a criminal proceeding, even if the adjudication of guilt id deferred, withheld, or not entered. This means you must answer yes if a finding or verdict of guilt was

returned against you in a criminal proceeding or if you plead guilty, entered a plea of nolo contendere, or entered an Alford plea in a criminal proceeding, even if the court expunged the matter or the court deferred judgment. You must submit the complaint and judgement of conviction for each offense.

Guidance

- This question should include criminal charges or traffic offenses, including an incident which has been expunged or deferred, which exceed the referenced fine amount of **\$250**. Arrests for public intoxication, driving while barred, theft or similar criminal offenses would be reportable. A speeding ticket, failure to yield, parking ticket, or other common traffic offense need not generally be disclosed. For the purpose of this question a "fine" is to be considered under \$250 if the *total* amount of the citation, including court costs and surcharge, is equal to or less than \$250.
- 3.1: If yes, include the date, location, charging orders, court disposition and current status (i.e. probation) for each charge.
- If the student answers "yes" to the previous question an in-depth explanation which provides details of the incident is required. Simply stating "yes", "deferred", "theft" or "2005 in Dubuque" is not a sufficient response. Additionally, the documents which should be submitted are able to be retrieved from the clerk of court in the county where the offense occurred, an attorney used during the incident or from the arresting or charging law enforcement agency. A printed copy of documents from lowa Courts Online summary is insufficient.
- 4: Has any state or other jurisdiction of the United States or any other nation ever limited, restricted, warned, censured, placed on probation, suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined a professional license, permit, registration, or certification issued to you?

Guidance

- This question is soliciting information regarding a **professional license issued by a licensing board or body**, not a driver's license, driver's permit or vehicle registration. Some examples of a professional license would be an EMS license, a nursing license, an electrician's license, plumbing license, or a medical license.

4.1: If yes, include the date, location, reason and resolution.

 A "yes" answer to the previous question should involve submission of any documentation or sanctions issued by the respective licensing board and any documentation from any incident leading to the action taken by the respective licensing board or body.

5: Have there ever been judgments or settlements paid on your behalf as a result of a professional liability case?

Guidance

- This question requires an answer if you were a defendant in a professional liability case. An example of this would be if you were named as a defendant in a lawsuit in which you hold, or held, a **professional license** (see 4 above). This question does not apply to being party to a divorce or other civil proceeding in which you were a named party.

5.1: If yes, include the date, location, reason and resolution.

- A "yes" answer to the previous question should involve submission of any documentation from the respective licensing board or body, as well as any court or mediator involved with the incident.

6: Have you ever had a license, permit, registration, or certification denied, suspended, revoked, or otherwise disciplined by a certification body?

Guidance

- This question is soliciting information regarding a professional license issued by a licensing board or body, not a driver's license, driver's permit or vehicle registration. Some examples of a professional license would be an EMS license, a nursing license, an electrician's license, plumbing license, or a medical license.

6.1: If yes, provide a description of the circumstances.

 A "yes" answer to the previous question should involve submission of any documentation or sanctions issued by the respective licensing board and any documentation from any incident leading to the action taken by the respective licensing board or body.



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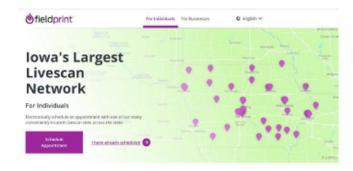
You must set up your AMANDA account before applying for your BACKGROUND CHECK. You will need to provide the PIN provided to you in your AMANDA account. Guidance for setting up your AMANDA account can be found at:

https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/10706/download?inline=

Once you have set up your AMANDA account, you can complete your background check.

To schedule a fingerprinting appointment, please follow these simple instructions:

- Visit www.fieldprintiowa.com
- 2. Click on the "Schedule an Appointment" button.



3. Select "Sign Up" to create an account as a New User.



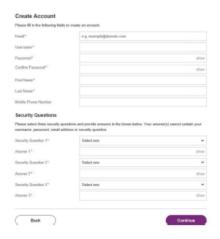
4. Select "I agree" on the Consent Agreement.



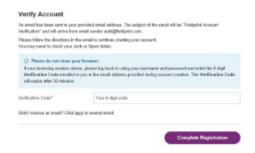
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Fill out the required fields to create an account, select 3 security questions from the drop-down menu, and type in the answers. Then click "Continue."



 You will be sent a "Fieldprint Account Verification" email that contains an 8 digit code that must be entered on the "Verify Account" page. After entering the Verification Code select "Complete Registration".



7. Log in with your Username and Password.

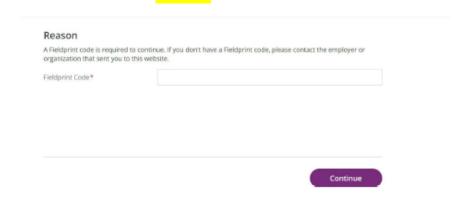


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- 8. Type in the answer to your pre-selected security question and click "Continue".
- 9. Enter the Fieldprint code given to you by your employer/service provider then select "Continue".

The code for Iowa EMS is: FPBEMTS



- Enter the contact and demographic information required by the FBI and schedule a fingerprint
 appointment at the location of your choosing.
- 11. At the end of the process, print the Confirmation Page. Take the Confirmation Page with you to your fingerprint appointment, along with two forms of identification.
- Please contact the Fieldprint Customer Service team at 877-614-4364 or customerservice@fieldprint.com should you have any questions or problems.

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