

ATTENTION INITIAL EMS APPLICANTS

Effective January 1, 2010

All initial EMS applicants (anyone not currently certified by the department at any EMS level) are required to submit their fingerprints through the Fingerprint Applicant Services of Texas (FAST) for Texas/FBI criminal history check beginning January 1, 2010. If you are unable to go to L-1 Identity Solution site, please contact your DSHS EMS regional office <<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/regions.shtm>> to receive a fingerprint card. The department recommends applicants complete their applications and fingerprints prior to completing the EMS course.

A person shall be disqualified from eligibility to acquire an EMS certification if the applicant is convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication, community supervision or deferred disposition for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, Sections 3g(a)(1)(A) through (H) as follows:

(1) murder; (2) capital murder; (3) indecency with a child; (4) aggravated kidnapping; (5) aggravated sexual assault; (6) aggravated robbery;

(7) substance abuse offenses, as described in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481, for which punishment is increased under:

(a) Health and Safety Code, §481.140, regarding the use of a child in the commission of an offense; or

(b) Health and Safety Code, §481.134(c), (d), (e) or (f), regarding an offense committed within a drug free zone, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under one of those subsections;

(8) sexual assault. (9) An offense, other than an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, for which the person is subject to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62.

All other criminal offenses NOT LISTED ABOVE are subject to a department review which may lead to denial, suspension, or revocation.

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