

Illinois administrative law requires that all EMS agencies and EMS license-holders become members of an approved EMS System prior to being allowed to practice in the field. ***If you do not already have an Illinois EMS license you must obtain one before attempting to enter an EMS System.***



Obtaining an Illinois EMS License VS Joining an EMS System

Obtaining an Illinois EMS license is a separate process from joining an EMS System. These two processes are frequently confused: An Illinois EMS license allows the holder to apply for EMS positions throughout the State of Illinois – once hired the Illinois EMS-license holding candidate would then begin the System Entry process of whichever EMS System the agency hiring them is affiliated with. EMS System entry processes may vary depending on the individual EMS System but all EMS Systems require a valid Illinois EMS license to start the process.

To become a member of Quincy Area EMS:

1. You must already have a valid Illinois EMS license.
2. You must be a current employee or volunteer with a QAEMS affiliated EMS agency – the hiring agency must contact QAEMS to authorize the candidate to begin system entry.
3. You must submit proof of licensure and certification to the EMS Office as well as pass a QAEMS-specific protocol exam.
 - a. All candidates must review the QAEMS System Entry Checklist for specific requirements based on their EMS license level. This checklist is available on the QAEMS website.
 - b. After reviewing the System Entry Checklist, the candidate will gather all needed documents and submit them to QAEMS along with the checklist.
 - c. The candidate must study our local protocols then take and pass a QAEMS-specific exam that tests the candidate's knowledge of local EMS policy and protocol. The protocol exam can be scheduled Monday-Friday from 9am to 3pm by calling the EMS Office Secretary after having gathered all required documents per the System Entry Checklist.
 - d. After having submitted all required documents to the EMS Office and having taken and passed the QAEMS Protocol Exam the hiring agency and the candidate will both be notified that the candidate has successfully joined QAEMS and is now able to function as an EMS provider in our four-county area.