



Recertification Information Sheet

Knowledge and skills gained during any training will dwindle over time. This is particularly true of medical training. Wilderness Medical Associates International has set minimum standards for renewal of certifications. We recommend more frequent recertification for individuals who rarely use their medical skills. **We strongly urge you to take a full WAFA, WFR, or WEMT at least once every six years.**

1. How long do Wilderness Medical Associates International certifications last?

All of our certifications are valid for three years from the last day of the course. Contact our office if your WMA certification has expired, via email (office@wildmed.com).

2. When should I begin to look for a recertification course?

We recommend you begin looking for a recertification option at least one year prior to your expiration date. Bear in mind that two-thirds of our courses run between January and June.

3. Who is eligible to recertify?

Those holding a WMA certification card for a Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness EMT, or Wilderness Advanced First Aid course completed no longer than three years prior to the recertification course are eligible.

4. Are graduates from other wilderness medicine companies eligible to recertify?

Non-WMA graduates are eligible to recertify a WFR certification with WMA through the Open Recertification, Bridge, or WAFA courses. Current non-WMA WAFA can attend the WAFA-WFR Bridge course to obtain WFR certificate.

5. Which courses serve as recertification courses?

We strongly recommend the Open Recertification course as a recertification option. Its benefits include CPR recertification and extra time for hands-on practice. Other options include the four-day Wilderness Advanced First Aid course, and the four-day WAFA to WFR Bridge course. For WMA WEMT's these courses will **not** recertify the state EMT license. WMA.

6. Do Recertification courses recertify state and national EMT certification?

No, it only recertifies the "Wilderness" portion of a WEMT. Each state (and often each region within the state) has its own unique requirements for EMT recertification. In most cases, Wilderness Medical Associates International courses may be applied toward the continuing education requirements of a state certification, but you will need to check with your state agency.

7. Is there any pre-course preparation needed?

It's not required for WMAI grads, but it's definitely recommended. No earlier than 30 days prior to the course start date, you will receive your course ID# and password for accessing your course materials online. All recertification students should complete this

packet and turn it into the lead instructor at the start of the first day of class. You should plan on at least two weeks to complete the pre-course work.

If you have any further questions or need more information, please contact the WMAI office. (office@wildmed.com or 1-888-WILDMED, M-F 9-5 EST)