

1. Q: What is an Emergency Medical Responder?

A: Licensed with the [College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia \(CPNS\)](#), the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) works within the Emergency Health Services Nova Scotia (EHS NS) system in the emergency response, transport and transition of care domains.

Within the emergency response domain, the EMR will work with a paramedic partner to attend to requests for service, mass casualty incidents and other emergencies to provide treatment and transportation of the sick and injured to appropriate medical facilities. The EMR will work with other healthcare providers and first responders as part of a team to deliver care to patients outside of the hospital.

Within the transport domain, the EMR may facilitate transport of patients to, from or between hospitals; to or from medical facilities for appointments; as well as transport patients to the hospital following EHS clinical team assessment.

Within the transition of care domain, the EMR will provide support and care for patients in the hospital who are still under EHS care waiting placement within the hospital.

The EMR may also assist with providing medical coverage throughout Nova Scotia at public events such as concerts, festivals, community events, etc.

2. Q: What funding is available for EMR students?

A: The Emergency Medical Responder bursary program provides funding for tuition to EMR students who enroll in and complete the EMR training program with Medavie HealthEd in Nova Scotia and commit to working in Nova Scotia as a Emergency Medical Responder for two (2) years following graduation.

3. Q: Who qualifies for the EMR Bursary Program?

A: The following criteria must be met to qualify for the bursary:

- a. Enrollment in Medavie HealthEd's Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Program.
- b. Students must be eligible to gain licensure with the College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia upon completion of the EMR program - see [College of Paramedics of Nova Scotia: Home \(cpns.ca\)](#)
- c. Students must sign a two (2) year Return of Service agreement to work within the ground ambulance service in Nova Scotia
- d. Students must successfully complete relevant employment background checks including but not limited to the following; Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and Drivers Abstract.

- e. Nova Scotia resident (Nova Scotia healthcard, drivers license or other form of government issued ID). If a student is not yet a Nova Scotia resident but they are enrolled in Medavie HealthEd's EMR program and sign a 2 year Return of Service agreement they may qualify to receive the tuition bursary prior to having government issued ID if all other requirements are met.
- f. Proof of COVID 19 Vaccination (2 doses).
- g. Successful completion of the Paramedic Candidate Physical Abilities Test (PC-PAT) from a qualified institution.
- h. Successful completion of pre-screen interview.

4. Q: What are the requirements of the two (2) year ROS Agreement?

A: Students who qualify and are offered the bursary will be required to sign a Return of Service Agreement with Emergency Medical Care, Inc. (EMCI) committing to work full-time as an EMR in Nova Scotia for EMCI for 2 years following graduation from their program.

5. Q: Is the Return of Service (ROS) agreement with the employer (EMCI) or with the Province of Nova Scotia?

A: The ROS Agreement is with the employer.

6. Q: What happens if a student does not complete the 2 years of Full-Time work as required by the ROS agreement?

A: Students who do not complete the 2-year ROS agreement may be required to repay some or all of their bursary. However exceptional circumstances may be considered and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

7. Q: What happens if a student does not complete the EMR program?

A: Students who do not complete the EMR training program may have to repay some or all of their tuition bursary. However exceptional circumstances may be considered and will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

8. Q: What triggers a repayment of the tuition bursary?

A: Failure to complete the EMR training program or the terms of the ROS Agreement may result in the student being required to repay some or all of the tuition bursary they received.

9. Q: Where will I be stationed to work after I graduate?

A: You will be stationed at a mutually agreed upon (yourself and EMCI) location.

10. Q: What do you consider full time employment? Does this mean 40 hours a week? Do I have to work in the same location?

A: A 35–42-hour work week is generally considered full time. You do not have to work in the same location or area to achieve the qualifying hours.

11. How can I apply to the EMR training program?

A: Applications can be submitted to Medavie HealthEd’s Emergency Medical Responder Program via the following link <https://www.medaviehealthed.com/emr/>.

12. Q: How do I apply to receive the EMR Bursary?

A: Students who qualify and want to receive this bursary will be required to meet the terms of and sign a Return of Service (ROS) Agreement with Emergency Medical Care, Inc. (EMCI) committing to work full-time as an EMR in Nova Scotia for EMCI for 2 years following graduation from their eligible program. Further questions about the application process can be directed to EMC.Recruitment@emci.ca

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