

# Entry and training (emergency medical technician)

This page provides information about the entry requirements and training for emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

A level 4 apprenticeship has been developed.

Each [ambulance service trust in the UK](#) <sup>[1]</sup> is responsible for its own recruitment and there is some variation between them about job titles and training routes in. It is therefore important that you check with any ambulance service directly about the opportunities they provide.



## Entry requirements

For entry onto the level 4 apprenticeship, you will typically need to:

- have a general standard of education and be committed to self-development
- have a full UK manual driving licence with a minimum of 1 years driving experience. If you have any penalty points for minor motoring offences, you should check with the ambulance service you are applying to directly.
- hold the full C1 category on your driving licence at the point of applying for an apprenticeship
- have your own transport to attend training and work
- be able to demonstrate experience in dealing with a range of people of different ages and social groups
- be able to demonstrate a high degree of physical fitness by successfully meeting a fitness assessment by the employing ambulance service trust
- have an understanding of compassion, respect and dignity through patient-centred care

- have dedication, motivation and drive to ensure you take ownership of your own learning

## Training

Training for the role of emergency medical technician is through a level 4 apprenticeship which takes 12-18 months.

Following an initial classroom-based course, you will continue your apprenticeship and learning whilst out on the road, responding to emergency calls as a valued member of the ambulance service trust's frontline team. If you successfully complete the course, you will be eligible to continue as a qualified EMT role with the ambulance service trust.

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[1] <https://aace.org.uk/uk-ambulance-service/map-of-nhs-ambulance-services/>