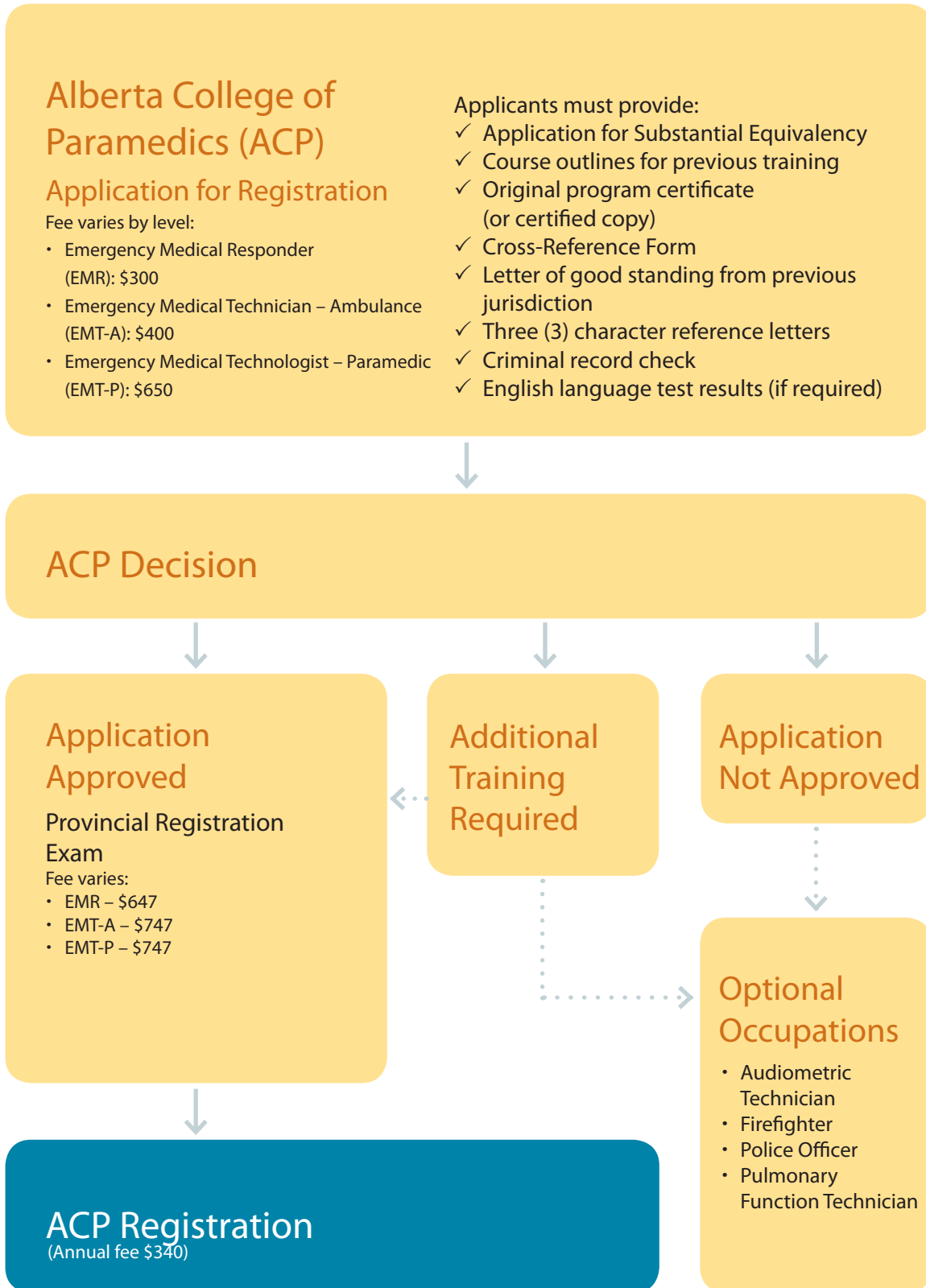


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#### **Description of Occupation**

There are three (3) kinds of Emergency Medical Personnel in Alberta:

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
- Emergency Medical Technician – Ambulance (EMT-A)
- Emergency Medical Technologist – Paramedic (EMT-P).

There are some duties that all Emergency Medical Personnel perform, such as assessing a patient's injuries or illness, doing diagnostic procedures and administering pre-hospital emergency care.

Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) are able to use spinal immobilization devices and traction splints, as well as assist EMT-As and EMT-Ps as needed.

Emergency Medical Technicians – Ambulance (EMT-A) perform intravenous therapy, enhanced respiratory monitoring and cardiac monitoring. They may also administer specified medications.

Emergency Medical Technologists – Paramedic (EMT-P) can administer advanced pre-hospital care, which includes intubating patients, providing cardiac defibrillation, identifying and managing heart attack symptoms including the use of clot busting agents, and providing wound management.

#### **Obtaining Registration in Alberta**

To become an Emergency Medical Personnel in Alberta, you must register with the Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP). Registration requirements are outlined in this document.

The category you apply in (EMR, EMT-A or EMT-P) depends on the kind of education and experience you have. See the job duties listed above and read through the Alberta Occupational Competency Profiles (AOCP – see “Resources”) to see which category your education and experience fit best.

If you are unsure or would like further information, contact ACP.

ACP contact information, links to all forms and other resources are at the end of this document.

#### **Residency Requirement**

You do not have to be a resident of Canada to begin the application process.

## Requirements

Internationally educated Emergency Medical Personnel must meet the following requirements:

### 1. **Academic Credentials**

Before you can register with ACP, you will have to have your credentials evaluated. The following should be mailed directly to ACP for an evaluation:

- A completed Application for Substantial Equivalency
- A detailed course outline with learning objectives and timelines for didactic, clinical and ambulance components (include the number of hours and/or weeks for each component) for all classes you have previously taken
- Original certificate or certified copy showing that you have completed a related program. If your documents are not in English, provide a certified translation.
- A completed Cross-Reference Form comparing your education and training to Alberta standards.

Once your credentials have been approved, you can move on to the examination process.

### 2. **Work Experience**

You do not need any specific work experience to register.

### 3. **Good Character and Reputation**

You must prove you are of good character and reputation. You can do this by submitting the following with your application:

- Letter of good standing from a regulatory body you belonged to in another jurisdiction
- Three (3) character reference letters
- Criminal record check conducted by law enforcement in your place of origin.

### 4. **English Language**

A standard knowledge of the English language is required. You must pass an acceptable English language test, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if English is not your first language.

### 5. **Examinations**

All Emergency Medical Personnel applicants must successfully complete the Provincial Registration Exam before they can register with ACP.

There are separate exams for EMRs, EMT-As and EMT-Ps, so the kind of exam you will need to take will depend on which category you are registering in.

Exams consist of three (3) components: written, medical practical and trauma practical. If you are unsuccessful in passing part or all of these components, you are able to do a full or partial rewrite. You must re-apply to take the examination and pay the applicable fee.

All exams are held in Edmonton, and take two (2) to three (3) days to complete. The frequency of exams varies, with three (3) offered each year for EMRs and EMT-As and five (5) offered each year for EMT-Rs. A full schedule of exam dates can be found on the ACP website.

## Payment

The following fees are in Canadian dollars. Fees are subject to change. See association for most up-to-date fees. A rewrite refers to repeating the practical and/or written examinations if you do not pass on the first attempt.

Equivalency Review Fees	EMR: \$300
	EMT-A: \$400
	EMT-P: \$650
EMR Examination Fee	First Attempt: \$647
	Partial Rewrite: \$446
	Full Rewrite: \$647
EMT-A and EMT-P Examination Fee	First Attempt: \$747
	Partial Rewrite: \$386
	Full Rewrite: \$747
Annual Fee	\$340

## Average Earnings

The overall average earnings for all Emergency Medical Personnel, according to the Alberta 2009 Wage and Salary survey:

Average hours worked per week	37.9
Average wage per hour	\$34.01
Average salary per year	\$66,923

## Employment Options

You may also consider working in Alberta in related occupations such as: Audiometric Technician, Firefighter, Police Officer, or Pulmonary Function Technician.

For more information about additional employment options, go to the following website: [Alberta Learning Information Service \(ALIS\) Occupational Profiles — Emergency Medical Personnel](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo) ([www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)).

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## Resources

This information is an overview of the registration process. For the most current information on Emergency Medical Personnel registration, visit the ACP's website at <http://collegeofparamedics.org>.

Application Forms and Information:

- [Registration Process](#)
- [Application for Substantial Equivalency](#)
- [EMR, EMT-A and EMT-P Cross-Reference Documents](#)
- [Registration Form](#)
- [EMR, EMT-A and EMT-P Provincial Examination Applications](#)

Academic Credentials:

- [Alberta Occupational Competency Profiles \(AOCP\)](#)

English Language:

- [TOEFL](#)

Examinations:

- [Provincial Registration Examination Information](#)
- [Examination Fees](#)
- [Examination Schedule](#)