



# Applicant Guide to the B.C. Jurisprudence Examination

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## Overview

This Applicant Guide will give you the information and resources needed to prepare for your online provincial jurisprudence examination.

“Jurisprudence” refers to the statutory framework which guides your practice as an Emergency Medical Assistant in British Columbia.

The B.C. jurisprudence examination is an online, open book exam. The exam covers components of the EMA Regulations, EMA licensing policies, the Emergency and Health Services Act, the Good Samaritan Act, the Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Act, and the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

## Educational Goal

To provide the requisite knowledge of relevant British Columbia provincial legislation, regulation, policy, procedure and scope of practice information for paramedics applying for licensure in British Columbia.

## Assessment

There are 25 questions and the passing grade is 70 per cent. Candidates have an unlimited number of attempts to successfully pass this exam.

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## **Emergency and Health Services Act**

The Emergency and Health Services Act defines key terms associated with the emergency medical services professions, for example “ambulance” and “emergency medical assistant (EMA)”. The Act also describes the Emergency and Health Services Commission (EHSC), which is the body that has the legislated mandate to provide British Columbia residents with access to pre-hospital emergency services, and non-emergency health and information services. The Act outlines the power and authority of the EHSC.

This Act describes the composition of the Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board and outlines the scope of its power and authority. The EMA Licensing Board is responsible for examining, registering and licensing all EMAs in B.C., including First Responders.

In addition, the Act outlines the disciplinary action that may occur to an EMA following a complaint investigation and the actions the EMA Licensing Board may take to protect the public. The Act also outlines the appeal process an EMA may decide to pursue, if adversely affected.

### **Key Study Areas:**

Read the entire Emergency and Health Services Act, focusing on the following sections:

- Definitions;
- Power and authority of commission;
- Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board;
- Disciplinary action
- Extraordinary action to protect the public;
- Appeal;
- Licence required; and
- No service contrary to advance directive

**Link:** [Emergency and Health Services Act](#)

Read the entire Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board section of the EMA Licensing website (located on the navigation pane on the left side of the website).

**Link:** [Emergency Medical Assistants Licensing Board](#)

Read the entire EMA Licensing Board special bulletin outlining applicable information on the advance directive.

**Link:** [Advance Directive](#)

## **Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation**

The EMA Regulation outlines a comprehensive list of code of ethics requirements for all EMAs; it describes the precise scope of practice for each licence category and describes the continuing competency requirements EMAs are required to complete to maintain licensure.

Additionally, the EMA regulation describes the licence application process, the information requirements necessary for licensure and the various categories of EMA licence available.

### **Key Study Areas:**

Read the entire Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation, focusing on the following sections:

- Definitions;
- Application for licence;
- Applicants authorized to practice in a jurisdiction outside of British Columbia;
- Categories of licence;
- Term of licence;
- Requirements for renewals and reinstatement;
- Endorsement of other skills;
- Condition of licence;
- Register;
- Continuing Competence;
- Schedule 1 and 2 - Scope of Practice; and
- Schedule 3 - Code of Ethics.

**Link:** [Emergency Medical Assistants Regulation](#)

## **Emergency and Health Services Regulation**

The Emergency and Health Services Regulation outlines the fees charged for licensing EMAs.

### **Key Study Areas:**

Read the entire Emergency and Health Services Regulation.

**Link:** [Emergency and Health Services Regulation](#)

## Complaint and Hearing Procedures

The EMA Licensing Board is mandated to investigate complaints regarding patient care and violations to the EMA code of ethics.

### Key Study Areas:

Read the entire Complaints section of the EMA Licensing website (located on the navigation pane on the left side of the website), focusing on the following sections:

- How to make a complaint;
- If a complaint is made against me; and
- Hearing.

**Link:** [Complaints](#)

## Licensing Policy

### Key Study Areas:

Read the Scheduling your Examinations section of the EMA Licensing website, focusing on the following sections/forms:

- Examination code of conduct;
- Examination request for exemption;
- Practical examinations

**Link:** [Examination code of conduct](#); [Request for exemption](#); [Practical examination](#)

## Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Act

The Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Act requires EMAs to notify local police when an individual presents for treatment of a gunshot or stab wound.

### Key Study Areas:

Read the entire Act and supporting documentation detailing reporting requirements.

**Link:** [Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Act](#) and [British Columbia Gunshot and Stab Wound Disclosure Requirements](#)

## WorkSafeBC – Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

The WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation provides key information for individuals who plan on working in British Columbia as designated workplace first-aid attendants (e.g. at a community college, manufacturing facility, oil-rig, etc.).

*To understand when the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation is applicable refer to the following table.*

<i>If</i>	<i>Then</i>
You provide medical care to the public (e.g. through the British Columbia Ambulance Service).	Your practice is <u>not</u> subject to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.
You provide medical care to employees in a workplace, as a designated first-aid attendant.	Your practice <u>is</u> subject to the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

All applicants applying for licensure within British Columbia should have an awareness of the WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

The regulation outlines first-aid attendant qualifications; employer responsibilities regarding first-aid equipment, supplies, and transport; how to maintain first-aid records; and first-aid attendant responsibilities.

### Key Study Areas:

Read the entire WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation.

**Link:** [Occupational Health and Safety Regulation](#)

## Good Samaritan Act

The Good Samaritan Act describes how “off-duty” health care professionals who render assistance to a sick or injured person cannot be held liable for damages, injuries or death that allegedly result from the act or omission of an act in offering medical assistance. The only exception to this act is if the established injuries or death are caused by the “off-duty” professional’s gross negligence in offering care.

### Key Study Areas:

Read the entire Act.

**Link:** [The Good Samaritan Act](#)

## **How to access the Jurisprudence Examination**

To schedule your online jurisprudence exam complete the jurisprudence section of the [Request for Evaluation](#) form located on the EMA Licensing website.

If you have any questions about the jurisprudence examination contact the EMA Licensing Branch at [getanexam@gov.bc.ca](mailto:getanexam@gov.bc.ca).