

Beginning in 2026, the GMVEMSC Standing Orders schedule will transition to a new 2-year cycle.

All personnel who complete the 2025 standing orders will be automatically extended to the new official start date of November 1, 2026. At that time, the standing orders will move to a two-year protocol cycle, meaning updates will occur every two years. JITSOs may still be issued at any time if a change cannot wait until the next cycle, and any JITSOs released between cycles will be incorporated into the subsequent standing orders update.

Updated Timeline

- Protocol Release
 - Will generally be released in July of each even-numbered year.
- Skills Evaluator Sessions
 - Will generally be offered from the July release through August 14 of each even year.
- Protocol Revisions
 - Based on evaluator feedback, it will generally be finalized by August 14 of each even year.
- Practical Skills Testing
 - Practical skills testing must be completed by October 31 (2359 hours) of each even year.
- Computer-Based Testing (CBT)
 - CBT must be completed between August 15 and October 31 (2359 hours) of each even year.
- Effective Date
 - New protocols become effective November 1 of each even-numbered year.
- Non-Completion
 - Failure to complete all required testing by October 31 (2359 hours) of each even year will result in the withdrawal of GMVEMSC support and services from the individual, the department/organization, or both.

Optional Testing in Odd Years

Agencies may choose to administer the CBT locally during odd-numbered years. The CBT will be available, but generally **no updates will be applied** during those years, and the system will only track completion of the required **two-year GMVEMSC cycle**.

The same applies to skills testing: agencies may conduct annual testing if desired, but the database will only track completion based on the two-year requirement.

All CBT and skills testing data entered by evaluators will continue to be stored in the database.