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Since the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems Europe (CAMTS EU) now rebranded as CAMTS Global was registered in Zurich in 2015, there has been interest from programs not only in Europe but also in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Although CAMTS Global was created to serve medical transport services outside of North America, the name confuses non-European services. At the October CAMTEU board meeting, the directors decided to rebrand to address this confusion. A final decision on the new name for CAMTS EU was determined by the end of 2018 and was announced and publicized with a revised logo and website to more accurately reflect global services.

There are now four services that have achieved dual accreditation for CAMTS –CAMTS Global. Embrace Yorkshire & Humber Infant & Children's Transport Service in Yorkshire, UK, was the first to apply for and achieve dual accreditation with one application and one site visit. In 2018, three other services achieved dual accreditation: Medical Wings operated by Siam Land Flying Co, Ltd in Don Mueang, Bangkok, for international fixed wing and medical escort services; BDMS Emergency Services of Bangkok Hospital in Thailand provides rotor wing, fixed wing, surface, and marine transport services; and On Call International, Rescue Nurse, headquartered in Salem, NH, provides medical escort services worldwide.

The CAMTS Global board also changed the fee structure for services outside of North America and added an opportunity for charitable services. CAMTS has had this charitable fee structure available in the

United States for years, but nonprofit services in the United States are usually not eligible because they still bill patients. In many other parts of the world, the structure is different, and patients do not receive a bill. In many cases, the transport service is part of the national health care coverage, which we do not have in the United States.

Accreditation Fee Structure

1. Application fee = CHF750
2. Site survey–Program Information Folder (PIF) fee = CHF6500; fee is to be included with submission of the PIF.
3. Fees for additional bases = a base is defined as any location where both crew and aircraft or crew and surface vehicles are located. There is a prorated charge by the number of bases.

PLUS CHF600 fee per day on-site per site surveyor AND

Travel and expenses for each site surveyor plus a charge of CHF350 for the site surveyor report to the board

4. Accreditation for charitable organizations: as a charitable organization, CAMTS EU is sensitive to the economic constraints of similar organizations. A charitable organization may apply and receive a reduced rate to cover the CAMTS EU costs as follows:
 - a. Proof of charitable status is required.
 - b. Board of Directors must approve each application for charitable status.

c. Fees apply as follows:

- 1). Application fee is CHF250.
- 2). Administrative fees to organize, review materials submitted with the Program Information Folder (PIF) and assign and schedule site surveyors = CHF2000.
- 3). Site surveyor fees and expenses are as outlined in 4. Travel and expenses for additional bases are added as applicable.

CAMTS Global Site Surveyors

CAMTS Global currently has four site surveyors based in Europe and one site surveyor based in Thailand. In March 2019, the CAMTS Executive Staff will be conducting another three-day site surveyor training course in Atlanta, GA. Applicants who are selected to attend will be reimbursed for travel and expenses and provide CAMTS Global with a larger pool of surveyors who live outside of the United States or who speak several languages. New site surveyors are always paired with one of our experienced CAMTS Global site surveyors until they are comfortable with the process and interpretation of accreditation standards. Currently, there are sixty active CAMTS site surveyors.

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