

## **Commission on Fire Prevention and Control Certification Eligibility Policy**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy shall be to define the eligibility criteria for persons who desire to become certified to various levels offered by the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control.

**General:** The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has the statutory and regulatory authority and responsibility to administer a fire service certification system for Connecticut's Fire Service. The cornerstone of the system is the assurance that the examination process is consistent, objective and comprehensively examines the current edition of the applicable National Fire Protection Association Professional Qualifications Standard.

While the Commission advocates and urges the delivery of training at the local and regional level and supports the delivery of some certification examinations in a partnership with local and regional training entities, it is for the above stated reason that the eligibility for the examination process should be limited for certain levels of certification, especially those levels that contain an embedded testing process.

**Policy:** A. Eligibility for certification testing to the following levels shall be open to those persons who successfully complete a training program(s) that is/are designed to address the applicable NFPA Standard:

- Firefighter I
- Firefighter II
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations / Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Rescue Technician – Structural Collapse (restricted to training delivered by CT USAR team)
- Airport Firefighter
- Fire Inspector
- Fire Investigator

B. Eligibility for certification testing to the following levels shall be limited to those persons who successfully complete a training program(s) that is/are designed to address the applicable NFPA Standard and are delivered and/or sponsored by the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control:

Fire Officer I	Health and Safety Officer
Fire Officer II	Incident Safety Officer - Fire Suppression
Fire Officer III	Public Educator I
Fire Officer IV	Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I
Fire Service Instructor I	Rescue Technician – Trench I/II
Fire Service Instructor II	Rescue Technician – Confined Space I/II
Fire Service Instructor III	Rescue Technician – Vehicle/Machinery I/II
Driver Operator - Pump	Rescue Technician – Rope I/II
Driver Operator - Aerial	Hazardous Materials Technician
Mobile Water Supply	

C. The Commission may allow a candidate for certification to petition for permission to challenge one or more components of an examination level without completing the training requirement specified above if, by evaluation by the Director of Certification, that person's education is equivalent to a training program delivered by the Training Division of the Commission. Such challenge shall be limited to persons who are applying based upon certification(s) received from an IFSAC or Pro Board Accredited entity or based upon equivalent training and education received in a formal program.