



Office of Education and Data Management (OEDM) Testing Policy
For All Fire Certification Examinations

Both the Fire Investigator and Fire Code Inspector Challenge Exams have written components. The Fire Investigator challenge exam also includes a practical assessment. The Fire Code Inspector exam is written only.

Written Certification Finals: The Fire Investigator written exam is closed book; the Fire Code Inspector written exam is open book. An overall average passing score of 70%, as well as a passing score of 65% for each written exam section is required for Fire Investigator and Fire Code Inspector certifications.

If a candidate for Fire Investigator or Fire Code Inspector achieves the minimum overall score on their written certification exam, but fails to earn 65% on up to two of the five exam sections, s/he will be required to retake only the sections scored at less than 65%. If the candidate fails to earn 65% on three of the exam sections, s/he will be required to retake the entire exam.

Practical Certification Finals: Exam candidates must pass the written Fire Investigator exam before taking the practical exam. The Fire Investigator practical assessment has eight tasks that are evaluated. The candidate must pass all eight practical task evaluations. Each evaluation is graded Pass/Fail; numerical grades are not assigned. If a candidate fails a task evaluation, s/he has one opportunity to retake the evaluation of that task (on the same day). Once the candidate has passed the written exam, s/he will be eligible to take the practical evaluation. When they have passed both the written and practical Fire Investigator exams, they will be certified. If s/he fails the retake, the candidate will have the opportunity to retake the entire practical assessment the next time it is offered (twice annually). All candidates for Fire Investigator must pass both the written and practical exams to become certified.

All final grade letters will be sent to the exam candidate, and will include his/her numerical score. An unexcused absence from either a written or practical exam is equal to a score of 0% and counts as a failed exam. Candidates are allowed to take an exam only three times in a two-year period, including Section exams. Candidates must wait one calendar year after the date of the third failed exam before being admitted to take the exam again.

Certification Exam Title	Test Duration	Number of Questions	Minimum Section Score	Minimum Overall Score	Types of Questions
Fire Investigator (Written)	4 hrs.	100	65%	70%	Multiple Choice, True/False
Fire Investigator (Practical)	2 hrs.	8 Tasks	Pass	Pass	Application
Fire Code Inspector	5 hrs.	100	65%	70%	Multiple Choice, True/False

Approved Reference Materials for the Fire Code Inspector Written Examination

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| 2021 Connecticut State Fire Safety Code | 2021 Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code | 2019 NFPA 13 and 72 |
| CGS Title 29 Chapter 541 | OSFM Policy Directives 1, 3, 5 and 10 | 2020 NFPA 25 |
| Connecticut Fireworks Regulations | Connecticut Explosives Regulations | 2021 NFPA 54 |
| Current Connecticut Amendments to the Fire Safety and Fire Prevention Codes | | |

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