

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0360-06-01
MISCELLANEOUS CERTIFICATION STANDARDS**

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0360-06-01-.01 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE.

- (1) The Commission adopts by reference the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards in their entirety as performance standards:
 - (a) 470 Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders, 2022 Edition;
 - (b) 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition;
 - (c) 1002 Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2017 Edition;
 - (d) 1003 Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition;
 - (e) 1005 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters, 2019 Edition;
 - (f) 1006 Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications, 2021 Edition;
 - (g) 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2020 Edition;
 - (h) 1030 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions, 2024 Edition;
 - (i) 1033 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator, 2022 Edition;
 - (j) 1035 Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications, 2024 Edition;
 - (k) 1037 Standard on Fire Marshal Professional Qualifications, 2024 Edition;
 - (l) 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2019 Edition;
 - (m) 1140 Standard for Wildland Fire Protection, 2022 Edition;
 - (n) 1081 Standard for Industrial Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications, 2018 Edition;
 - (o) 1403 Standard on Live Burn Training Evolutions, 2018 Edition;

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- (p) 1500 Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, 2021 Edition; and,
- (q) 1521 Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer, 2020 Edition.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-107, and 4-24-110. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal and new rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010. Amendments filed August 2, 2011; effective January 29, 2012. Repeal and new rule filed October 27, 2014; effective January 25, 2015. Amendments and new rules filed June 3, 2016; effective September 1, 2016. Amendments filed July 27, 2018; effective October 25, 2018. Amendments filed January 22, 2020; effective April 21, 2020. Amendments filed April 2, 2025; effective July 1, 2025. Amendments filed November 6, 2025; effective February 4, 2026.

0360-06-01-.02 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

0360-06-01-.03 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING.

The Commission's curriculum requirements on firefighting standards and education shall include materials concerning domestic violence training pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-24-111.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-107 and 4-24-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendments filed July 27, 2018; effective October 25, 2018.

0360-06-01-.04 PROGRESSION.

- (1) Fire service personnel who have been certified at a specific progression level may take the examination for a lower (regression) level.
- (2) If an applicant who has already achieved certification at a particular level(s) under prior NFPA standards wishes to achieve certification for those levels after the date Tennessee becomes accredited, the applicant will be allowed to do so and the waiting period shall not apply. The applicant will be required to complete all the requirements for the level(s) of certification sought.
- (3) Unless otherwise prescribed in these rules, an applicant may progress to the next level of certification after achieving the prior certification level.
- (4) A thirty (30) day waiting period is in effect only for those dependent levels of certification that require a prerequisite level of certification prior to testing at the desired level. For example, an applicant shall be required to wait thirty (30) days between Fire Instructor I and Fire Officer I examinations because Fire Instructor I is a prerequisite for Fire Officer I. However, an applicant shall be eligible to test on the same day for both Airport Firefighter and Fire Officer I if an applicant meets the prerequisite requirements for each level because neither level of certification is a prerequisite or dependent on the other level of certification.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010. Repeal and new rule filed October 27, 2014; effective January 25, 2015. Amendments filed July 27, 2018; effective October 25, 2018.

0360-06-01-.05 RECIPROCITY.

- (1) Reciprocity of certification shall be considered by the Commission for applicants who have achieved certification from another agency that has achieved national accreditation from an organization recognized by the Commission and who meet the criteria established by the Commission.
- (2) The following shall be submitted to request reciprocity:
 - (a) Application for reciprocity with a list of certification(s) for which the applicant is requesting reciprocity;
 - (b) Documentation that the applicant has not been separated from the fire service for more than sixty (60) months from the date of applying for reciprocity;
 - (c) Proof of certification (copies of certificates). Certificates of attendance shall not constitute proof of certification; and
 - (d) Proof of applicant's residency in Tennessee or documentation of support, sponsorship, or employment by a fire chief or department recognized pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 68-102-301, et seq.
- (3) When considering whether to grant reciprocity to another jurisdiction's certifications, the Commission shall grant reciprocity only if all the following criteria are met:
 - (a) The certification is issued by an entity accredited by IFSAC or Pro Board, the certification is in the registry of the national accrediting agency, and the certification is issued after the date the entity became accredited;
 - (b) The applicant has not been out of the fire service for a period of sixty (60) months or more; and
 - (c) The Commission receives proof of the applicant's residency in Tennessee or a letter of support, sponsorship, or employment from a fire chief or recognized department employing or appointing the applicant.
- (4) If reciprocity is granted, the Commission shall issue a letter recognizing the applicant's certifications in the State of Tennessee and this recognition shall meet the requirements of certification in Tennessee.
- (5) For progression purposes in the Certification Program and for purposes related to Educational Incentive Pay, the date of recognition of the certification shall be used for "Date of Certification."
- (6) If a fire department requires or an individual, who has received reciprocity of a level of certification, chooses to pursue certification in the State of Tennessee, the applicant shall be eligible to pursue certification but shall be required to meet all of the certification requirements.
- (7) The Commission shall not recognize a certification issued by a fire department in Tennessee even if that fire department is accredited by a national accrediting agency.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-107, and 4-24-202. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010. Amendments filed October 27, 2014; effective January 25, 2015. Amendments and new rules filed

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