



**State of Connecticut  
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control**

**CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION  
PREREQUISITES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

**This document should be forwarded to all certification examination candidates.**

*The Training Division of the State of Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control has streamlined the process by which individuals may participate in certain training programs by eliminating as training prerequisites certification examination requirements. The responsibility for ensuring that individuals are qualified to participate in a certification examination now shifts from the Training Registrar to the individual certification candidate. Candidates for Certification are now personally required to ensure that they have met all prerequisites prior to submitting an examination application and are required to submit any required documentation prior to the examination. Failure to do so will result in rejection of the examination application.*

**Certification Examination Requirements by Level  
As of January 1, 2004**

**It is the individual responsibility of the candidate to ensure that all of the following applicable requirements have been fulfilled and/or proof submitted prior to an examination in addition to submission of a completed examination application.**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Certification Level Prerequisite</b>	<b>Other Conditions</b>	
Firefighter I 2002 edition	None – Direct Entry	Hazardous Materials Awareness and Live Fire Suppression Verification	
Firefighter II 2002 edition	Firefighter I and	Hazardous Materials Operational and Live Fire Suppression Verification	
Aerial Operator 2003 edition	Firefighter I or and	Member of the fire service prior to July 1, 1977 Legally licensed to drive emergency apparatus	
Pump Operator 2003 edition	Firefighter I or and	Member of the fire service prior to July 1, 1977 Legally licensed to drive emergency apparatus	
Fire Officer I 2003 edition	Firefighter II or and Fire Service Instructor I	Member of the fire service prior to July 1, 1977	
Fire Officer II 2003 edition	Fire Officer I and Fire Service Instructor I		

<b>Level</b>	<b>Certification Level Prerequisite</b>	<b>Other Conditions</b>
Fire Officer III 2003 edition	Fire Officer II and Fire Service Instructor II	
Safety Officer 2002 edition	Fire Officer I	or Department Fire Officer prior to July 1, 1986
Fire Service Instructor I 2002 edition	Firefighter II	or Member of the fire service prior to July 1, 1977
Fire Service Instructor II 2002 edition	Fire Service Instructor I	
Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I 2000 edition	None – Direct Entry	
Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II 2000 edition	Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I	
Hazardous Materials Technician 2002 edition	Firefighter I	or Member of the fire service prior to July 1, 1977 or Comply with the respiratory protection standards of CFR 1910.134 in use of SCBA.  and Hazardous Materials Operational

Additionally, State of Connecticut Regulations require that all candidates for certification be 18 years of age at the time of the examination and that candidates for certification be a member of a fire department with the exception of Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I and II which allow direct entry into those levels.