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

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.