



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Division of State Fire Marshal
Bureau of Fire Standards & Training*

Title: RETENTION OF FLORIDA FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION

Release Date: July 1, 2013

A Certified Firefighter who has not been employed for 4 years from last date of employment or date of certification, or maintained a current and valid fire service instructor certificate, instruct at least 40 hours during the 4 year period and provide proof of such instruction to the division, which proof must be registered in an electronic database designated by the division, or successfully complete a refresher course consisting of a minimum of 40 hours of training to be prescribed by rule or within 6 months before the 4 year period expires, shall successfully retake and pass the minimum Standards Course Examination.

An **Application for Practical Examination for Retention of Firefighter Certification Form (DFS-K4-1308)** is required, along with the **Medical Examination (DFS-K4-1022)**. The retention examination is offered four times a year at the Florida State Fire College. Please contact the Bureau of Fire Standards for an application. Please refer to the **Testing Schedule** for test dates.

Please note, you are required to submit fingerprints (digitally) with the **Application for Practical Examination for Retention of Firefighter Certification Form (DFS-K4-1308)**.

NOTE: [Instructions for Processing Digital Fingerprints through Pearsonvue.com](#).

For a volunteer firefighter, the certified firefighter must be active for a cumulative six months within a 4 year period.

**IMPORTANT
KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT**

It is your responsibility to ensure your current name, address and contact information is up to date. If this information has changed, go to www.FloridaStateFireCollege.org and update your profile online accordingly