



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TO: Out-of-State Firefighter Certification Candidates

FROM: The Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, Challenge Review Board

SUBJECT: Firefighter Equivalency Examination Requirements

Section 633.35(3), Florida Statutes, states: "The Division of State Fire Marshal may issue a certificate to any person who has received basic employment training for firefighters in another state when the division has determined that such training was at least equivalent to that required by the division for approved firefighter education and training programs in this state and when such person has satisfactorily complied with all other requirements of this section." Florida law requires four hundred and ninety-two (492) hours of training, which must be basic employment training in nature. In-service training and continuing education are not accepted as meeting these criteria.

To determine if you qualify for the Firefighter Minimum Standards Equivalency Examination, please submit the Preliminary Equivalency Application, along with documentation of the basic employment training for firefighters that you have completed. Please include a cover letter on official letterhead signed by the Fire Chief or Training Chief from the training center you attended, attesting to the fact that you successfully completed basic training that meets or exceeds Florida's course content, both in total hours and subject matter, as outlined on the preliminary application.

Your Preliminary Equivalency Application will be reviewed by the Challenge Review Board. If all training requirements are met, you will be mailed an Equivalency Examination Application for Certification as a Firefighter. Please realize that acceptance by the Challenge Review Board is only the first step in achieving a Florida Firefighter Certificate of Compliance. A written and practical examination is required of all qualified persons seeking certification.

If you fail to meet the requirements, for any reason, you will receive written notification explaining the deficiencies found in your documentation. If your application is denied, you will be required to attend a Firefighter Minimum Standards Course, at one of 44 Certified Training Centers located throughout Florida, in order to be certified as a firefighter in this state.

Thank you for your interest in Florida's Firefighter Certification Program.

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**PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENCY APPLICATION  
FIREFIGHTER MINIMUM CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

Please print requested information legibly.

NAME: LAST	FIRST	MI
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
FCDICE STUDENT ID OR LAST 4 SOCIAL SECURITY		TELEPHONE NUMBER
FIRE DEPARTMENT (if employed)		DATE EMPLOYED
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____		

FIREFIGHTER I SUBJECT MATERIAL	MINIMUM *	ACTUAL	FIREFIGHTER I SUBJECT MATERIAL	MINIMUM *	Actual
I-100 and I - 700	6		Fire Streams (Automobile)	5	
Orientation and Fire Service History	3		Fire Streams (Class A Outside Fire / Ground Cover / Inside Fire / Overhaul / Ground Cover	20	
Life Safety Initiatives / Scene Safety / Firefighter Injuries and Fatalities	6		Search and Rescue/Restricted Passages	18	
Protecting Fire Scene Evidence	2		Ventilation (Horizontal / Vertical –hydraulic (positive and negative)	3	
Mental Health and PTSD	4		Property Conservations / Protecting Fire Scene Evidence	3	
Cancer	4		Water Supply	4	
Fire Communications Equipment	1		Fire Extinguishers	3	
PAS / Emergency Evacuation	3		Ropes and Knots (Tying and Hoisting)	6	
Preparedness and Maintenance	4		Building Construction	2	
PPE/SCBA Donning/Doffing/Cylinder Replacement	6		Hose Rolls and Loads	6	
Forcible Entry	8		S-190 / S-130 / L-180	40	
Ladders	6		Testing and Assessment	10	
Basic First Aid (current CPR card)	8		HazMat Awareness / ERG	9	



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<b>FIREFIGHTER II SUBJECT MATERIAL</b>	<b>MINIMUM *</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>FIREFIGHTER II SUBJECT MATERIAL</b>	<b>MINIMUM *</b>	<b>Actual</b>
I-200 and I - 800	6		Fire Control / Live Fire	20	
Healthy Lifestyle	12		Fire Streams (Foam Production and Master Streams)	14	
Fire Department Communications – NFIRS / Radio Etiquette / Ordering resources	4		Flammable Gas Control	8	
Rescue / Extrication	29		Ventilation (Horizontal – positive/negative – pressure and natural / Vertical - natural)	6	
Evidence Protection – Area of Origin, Fire Cause and Determination	2		Engine Company Evolutions	8	
Auto Extrication Awareness	16		Combined Evolutions	16	
Fire Detection / Alarm / Suppression	3		Ladder Company Evolutions	8	
Emerging Issues	4		Air Monitoring	4	
Pre-Incident Planning and Documentation	2		Fire Prevention and Public Education	8	
Health and Physical Fitness	14		Firefighter Safety and Survival	36	
Hose Rolls and Loads	3		Select / Maintain / Operate Electric Equipment	4	
Structural Collapse	5		Active Shooter	3	
EMR	40		HazMat Operations	16	
Testing	10				

**\* MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATE STATUTE (492 HOURS) \***

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION, ALONG WITH YOUR DOCUMENTATION OF TRAINING, TO THE:

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