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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Florida Firefighter Equivalency process for Out of State Firefighters. Please log into our website <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/division/sfm/FCDICE/default.htm>, and create a FCDICE account for your state profile. DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER ACCOUNT IF YOU HAVE DONE THIS ALREADY. This is how the official correspondence will be sent and applications made for certification.

The first step for this process is to complete form **DFS-K4-1309 PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENCY APPLICATION FIREFIGHTER MINIMUM CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING**, return completed form for review, and attach a notarized letter from the Training Chief or Fire Chief, on official letterhead, that validates the number of hours. Please include a copy the following certifications: State Firefighter I & II, Haz-Mat awareness/operations, IS-100 and IS-700, and EMR/EMT/paramedic.

After the review of hours has been completed, you will be notified if the hours were met. For those that have not, the process ends there. Some individuals may be able to receive a FFI certification and will be advised on the application process. The next step for those that have met the required hours will be to enroll in the 3-day skills refresher course offered through MARION TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Please refer to the Florida Specific 3-day skills refresher flyer that has been provided.

Prior to attending the skills refresher there are several Florida Specific Training items that must be completed before your arrival. Please provide the certificates for structural collapse and wildland firefighting upon completion.

1. Structural Collapse Awareness <https://rsc.usace.army.mil/training/level2/sca/> Free on-line
2. Participate in a webinar conducted by the Bureau which covers the following:
 - Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP) classes available around the state.
 - Thermal Imaging Cameras (TICs) usage and knowledge
 - Positive Pressure Ventilation (PPV) usually incorporated into a class
 - Company Evolutions (Engine), (Ladder), (Combined)
 - New Challenges facing firefighter today
 - Firefighter Safety and Survival (self rescue techniques, escapes)
3. Wildland Firefighting

If you have not completed wildland firefighter training, there are two options to accomplish this requirement:

1. If you are affiliated with a fire department, you can complete the NWCG at <http://www.nwcg.gov/> that offers the classes for free on-line and can obtain the 8 hours of “hands on” training here at the Florida State Fire College in Ocala, FL. The classes are:
 - “S-130 Wildland Firefighter”
 - “S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior”
 - “L-180 Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service”
2. **Fire in the Field** FIF 100 class through Florida’s Division of Forestry or Florida Forest Service <http://www.fireinthefield.net/>. The cost is \$81.50 and is an on-line proctored course. Following completion of the on-line portion, the proctor will schedule your hands on portion at your location.

After enrolling in the **skills refresher course**, please complete the application Minimum Standard Equivalency Practical in FCDICE. This application will include the medical clearance, tobacco affidavit, fingerprints, high school diploma or equivalent, driver’s license or birth certificate, and application fee.

After completing the **skills refresher course**, you will be required to pass a 100-question written exam given through Pearson VUE (a third-party vendor) and the practical exam at the Florida State Fire College located in Ocala, FL.

The written test is based on the job performance requirements in NFPA 1001(2013) Edition. The “Skills” portion of the practical exam is from this same reference and the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training Performance Objectives.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (352) 369-2824 or e-mail at michael.driggers@myfloridacfo.com. You can look through our website and gain additional information at <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/BFST/>.

Thanks for your consideration in becoming a Florida Certified Firefighter.

Respectfully,

Michael Driggers

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