

**RULES  
OF  
THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING  
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0360-06-01  
MISCELLANEOUS CERTIFICATION STANDARDS**

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**0360-06-01-.01 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE.**

- (1) The Commission adopts by reference the following National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards in their entirety as performance standards unless otherwise provided herein:
  - (a) 472 Professional Competences of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents, 2008 edition;
  - (b) 1001 Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2008 edition;
  - (c) 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2009 edition;
  - (d) 1003 Professional Qualifications for Airport Fire Fighters, 2005 edition;
  - (e) 1005 Professional Qualifications for Marine Fire Fighting for Land-Based Fire Fighters, 2007 edition;
  - (f) 1006 Rescue Technician Professional Qualifications, 2008 edition;
  - (g) 1021 Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2009 edition;
  - (h) 1031 Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector, 2009 edition;
  - (i) 1033 Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator, 2009 edition;
  - (j) 1035 Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, 2005 edition;
  - (k) 1041 Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2007 edition;
  - (l) 1051 Wildland Firefighter Professional Qualifications, 2007 edition;
  - (m) 1081 Industrial Fire Brigade Member Professional Qualifications, 2007 edition;
  - (n) 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions, 2007 edition;
  - (o) 1500 Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, 2007 edition; and
  - (p) 1521 Fire Department Safety Officer, 2008 edition.

**Authority:** T.C.A. § 4-24-101, 4-24-106(2), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed October 14, 1994; effective

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#### **0360-06-01-.02 REPEALED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed October 14, 1995; effective February 28, 1995. Repeal filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

#### **0360-06-01-.03 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING.**

The Commission's curriculum requirements on firefighting standards and education will include materials concerning domestic violence training pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-24-111.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-107 and 4-24-111. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

#### **0360-06-01-.04 PROGRESSION.**

- (1) Unless otherwise provided in these rules, an applicant may progress to another level of certification after ninety (90) days from the date of the last certification awarded. If an applicant fails a written examination for a level, the applicant must wait ninety (90) days before attempting a different level of certification.
- (2) The Commission may waive the waiting periods for progression for individuals called to active military duty during wartime to allow firefighters to achieve the level of certification that they would have been eligible to achieve should their firefighting career not have been interrupted by the military service. A letter from the fire department, signed by the Chief or Training Officer, certifying the individual's military duty must accompany the individual's application requesting this waiver.
- (3) Fire service personnel who have been certified at a specific progression level are prohibited from taking the examination for a lower (regression) level, except for as provided in 0360-03-01-02(9).
- (4) If an applicant who has already achieved certification at a particular level(s) under prior NFPA standards wishes to achieve certification for those levels after the date Tennessee becomes accredited, the applicant will be allowed to do so and the waiting period shall not apply. The applicant will be required to complete all the requirements for the level(s) of certification sought.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

#### **0360-06-01-.05 RECIPROCITY.**

- (1) Reciprocity of certification shall be considered by the Commission for applicants who have achieved certification from another agency that has achieved national accreditation from an organization recognized by the Commission and who meet the criteria established by the Commission.
- (2) The following must be submitted to request reciprocity:
  - (a) Application for Reciprocity (one form for each level of certification for which the applicant is requesting reciprocity);

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- (b) Letter(s) from the applicant's previous fire department(s) showing the dates the applicant was a member (employed) by that department as a firefighter; and
  - (c) Proof of Certification (copies of certificates).
- (3) When considering whether to grant reciprocity to another jurisdiction's certifications, the Commission will only grant reciprocity if the following criteria are met:
- (a) the Commission certifies an equivalent course;
  - (b) the certification was issued by an entity accredited by the IFSAC or the National Fire Service Professional Qualifications Board and the certification is in the registry of the national accrediting agency and the certification was issued after the date the entity became accredited;
  - (c) the applicant has not been out of the fire service for a period greater than three (3) years; and
  - (d) the applicant has not previously failed a written or performance examination for that level of certification in the State of Tennessee.
- (4) If reciprocity is granted, the Commission shall issue a letter recognizing the applicant's certifications in the State of Tennessee and this recognition shall meet the requirements of certification in Tennessee.
- (5) For progression purposes in the Certification Program and for purposes related to Educational Incentive Pay, the date of recognition of the certification shall be used for "Date of Certification".
- (6) If a fire department requires or an individual, who has received reciprocity of a level of certification, chooses to pursue certification in the State of Tennessee, the applicant will be eligible to pursue certification but will be required to meet all of the certification requirements in force.
- (7) The Commission will not recognize or grant reciprocity to a certification issued by a fire department in Tennessee even if that fire department is accredited by a national accrediting agency.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106(2), 4-24-107, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-202(b). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.