95A.230 Requirements for participation in fund.

Each local government which meets the following requirements shall be eligible to share in the distribution of funds from the fund:

(1) Employs one (1) or more firefighters.

(2) Pays every firefighter a minimum annual salary of eight thousand dollars ($8,000).

(3) Maintains the minimum educational requirement of a high school degree, or its equivalent as determined by the commission, for employment of firefighters on or after August 1, 1980. All firefighters employed prior to August 1, 1980, shall be deemed to have met requirements of this subsection.

(4) Requires all firefighters employed on or after July 15, 1982, to successfully complete a basic training course of four hundred (400) hours duration or a lesser duration as established by the commission pursuant to KRS 95A.240(5) as mandated by the commission as to subject matter and number of hours for each subject, within one (1) year of the date of employment at a school or method certified or recognized by the commission. The training requirement may be met through training and educational programs of a local government conducting its own annual in-service training school certified or recognized by the commission which may provide a different number of hours of instruction as established in KRS 95A.240.

(5) Requires all firefighters, whether originally employed before or after August 1, 1980, to successfully complete in each calendar year an in-service training program appropriate to the firefighters rank and responsibility, of one hundred (100) hours duration or a lesser duration as established by the commission pursuant to KRS 95A.240(5) at a school certified or recognized by the commission. This requirement shall be waived for the period of time that a professional firefighter is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. This waiver shall be retroactive for professional firefighters from the date of September 11, 2001.

(6) Requires compliance with all provisions of law applicable to local firefighters.

(7) Requires compliance with all rules and regulations, appropriate to the size and location of the local fire department or fire prevention district, issued by the commission to facilitate the administration of the fund and further the provisions of KRS 95A.200 to 95A.300.

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