

KENTUCKY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

Kentucky Fire Commission (Amended at ARRS Committee)

739 KAR 2:060. Certification and qualifications of fire and emergency services instructors.

RELATES TO: KRS 75.400(2), (4), (5), 95.010(1)(c), 95A.040(1)(c), (3)(b), 95A.210(1), (6)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 95A.050(3)(b), 95A.050(3)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 95A.040(3)(b) authorizes the Kentucky Fire Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education to certify fire protection instructors. This administrative regulation sets forth the criteria for instructor certification, including the training and educational requirements of applicants for certification.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Commission" means the Kentucky Fire Commission as defined by KRS 95A.210(1).
- (2) "Fire and Emergency Services instructor" means an individual trained and certified pursuant to KRS 95A.040(1)(c), this administrative regulation, and the National Fire Protection Association, as a person qualified to instruct fire protection personnel or supervise the training of fire protection personnel. This term is synonymous with the term "fire and emergency services instructor" as referenced in the National Fire Protection Association 1041 standard.
- (3) "Fire department" means a fire department, fire protection district, or fire taxing district recognized by the commission as defined in KRS 75.400(2), (4) and (5) and 95.010(1)(c).
- (4) "Firefighter I" means an individual who has demonstrated the knowledge and skills to function as an integral member of a firefighting team under direct supervision in hazardous conditions and is certified by the commission as accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- (5) "Firefighter II" means an individual who has demonstrated the skills and depth of knowledge to function under general supervision and is certified by the commission as accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- (6) "IFSAC" means the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress.
- (7) "KCTCS" means the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.
- (8) "MOI" means an educational methodology course meeting the job performance requirements within NFPA 1041 and conducted by:
 - (a) The Kentucky Fire Commission State Fire Rescue Training;
 - (b) KCTCS;
 - (c) A regionally accredited college or university; or
 - (d) An agency approved by the commission to train within its jurisdiction.
- (9) "Professional firefighter" is defined by KRS 95A.210(6).
- (10) "Reciprocity" means the recognition of an accredited certification from another state, territory, province, or nation following verification that the certification is current, valid, and without restriction.
- (11) "Volunteer Firefighter" means an individual who meets the requirements of 739 KAR 2:100.

Section 2. Levels of Certification and Scope.

- (1) The commission shall certify fire and emergency services instructors at the following levels:

- (a) Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level I;
 - (b) Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level II;
 - (c) Live Fire Instructor; and
 - (d) Live Fire Instructor-In-Charge.
- (2) A fire and emergency services instructor shall only teach a fire service related curricula upon meeting all requirements for certification mandated by this administrative regulation. An instructor shall only teach curricula within the scope of the instructor's respective fire and emergency services instructor level, subject to the conditions established in this section.
- (3) An instructor certified as a Level I fire and emergency services instructor may conduct firefighter training at any fire department or agency located in the Commonwealth pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection.
- (a) Training shall only be conducted at the request of a fire department or agency.
 - (b) Upon invitation, a person certified as a Level I fire and emergency services instructor shall conduct training using curricula approved by the commission.
- (4) A person certified as a Level II fire and emergency services instructor may conduct firefighter training at any fire department or agency located in the Commonwealth pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c) of this subsection.
- (a) Training shall only be conducted at the request of a fire department or agency.
 - (b) Upon invitation, a person certified as a Level II fire and emergency services instructor may conduct training using curricula approved by the commission or curricula developed by a Level II fire and emergency services instructor.
 - (c) At a fire department of which the Level II fire and emergency services instructor is a member, the Level II fire and emergency services instructor may allow a Level I fire and emergency services instructor to conduct training under the Level II fire and emergency services instructor's direction, using lesson plans developed by the Level II fire and emergency services instructor.
- (5) The commission shall not certify new Level III fire and emergency services instructors after January 1, 2022. An instructor certified as a Level III fire and emergency services instructor on or before January 1, 2022, shall be eligible for certification renewal pursuant to Section 5 of this administrative regulation and shall retain his or her Level III fire and emergency services instructor certification until:
- (a) The certification expires pursuant to Section 5 of this administrative regulation;
 - (b) The certification is revoked pursuant to Section 6 of this administrative regulation;
- or
- (c) The instructor is no longer an active member of a Kentucky fire department.
- (6) A Level III fire and emergency services instructor shall meet the intent of NFPA 1041 and have the ability to develop fire service related curricula.

Section 3. Instructor Certification Requirements.

- (1) An instructor shall not teach without first meeting all requirements for certification established in this administrative regulation.
- (2) An applicant for initial certification as a Level I fire and emergency services instructor shall complete and submit:
- (a) A Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level I webform;
 - (b) Verification of active member status of a Kentucky fire department, degree program at an institution of higher education within the Commonwealth, or a recognized federal fire department within the Commonwealth;
 - (c) Verification of at least one (1) year of experience as a certified professional or volunteer firefighter in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or in another state, preceding the application date for Level I fire and emergency services instructor certification;

- (d) Verification of IFSAC accredited Kentucky, or IFSAC accredited Kentucky reciprocity, Firefighter I and II certificates on which the applicant's seal numbers shall be denoted and provides proof of completion of both written and skill performance tests;
- (e) A copy of the applicant's high school diploma or transcript, general equivalency diploma (GED), college degree, or transcript from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning; and
- (f)
 - 1. Verification of MOI, IFSAC accredited Kentucky, or IFSAC accredited Kentucky reciprocity, Fire Instructor I certification on which the applicant's seal numbers shall be denoted and provides proof of completion of both written and skill performance tests;
 - 2. Verification of MOI, a Bachelor's degree in education issued by a regionally accredited institution of higher education; or
 - 3. Verification of MOI, individual who holds a position as an instructor or instructional faculty member of a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the subject of fire service or a related field.
- (3) An applicant for initial certification as a Level II fire and emergency services instructor shall complete and submit:
 - (a) A Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level II webform;
 - (b) Verification of active member status of a Kentucky fire department, degree program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or a recognized federal fire department within the Commonwealth; and
 - (c) Verification of IFSAC accredited Kentucky or IFSAC accredited reciprocity certification as a Level I Fire and Emergency Services Instructor for at least one (1) year.
- (4) An applicant for certification as a Live Fire Instructor shall complete and submit:
 - (a) A Kentucky Live Fire Instructor webform;
 - (b) Verification of active member status of a Kentucky fire department, degree program at an institution of higher education within the Commonwealth, or a recognized federal fire department within the Commonwealth;
 - (c) Verification of IFSAC accredited Kentucky or IFSAC accredited reciprocity certification as a Fire and Emergency Services Level I instructor for at least two (2) years; and
 - (d) Proof of successful completion of the commission approved NFPA 1403 class and written examination.
- (5) An applicant for certification as a Live Fire Instructor-In-Charge shall complete and submit:
 - (a) A Kentucky Live Fire Instructor-In-Charge webform;
 - (b) Verification of active member status of a Kentucky fire department, degree program at an institution of higher education within the Commonwealth, or recognized federal fire department within the Commonwealth;
 - (c) Verification of IFSAC accredited Kentucky or IFSAC accredited reciprocity certification as a Fire and Emergency Services Level I instructor for at least two (2) years; and
 - (d) Proof of successful completion of the commission approved NFPA 1403 class and written examination.

Section 4. Reciprocity.

- (1) Individuals seeking certification as a Level I or Level II fire and emergency services instructor through reciprocity from any state, territory, or country shall be granted approval by the commission if the applicant meets all certification requirements for Level

I or Level II fire and emergency services instructor certification pursuant to Section 3 of this administrative regulation.

(2) The applicant shall complete and provide proof of completion of at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in methodology taught by Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training.

Section 5. Instructor Certification Terms and Renewal.

(1) Unless renewed, certification for Levels I, II, and III fire and emergency services instructors shall expire after four (4) years from the date of certification and approval, and every four (4) years thereafter.

(2) The commission shall grant certification renewal for Level I, II, and III fire and emergency services instructors who submit:

(a) Documentation of at least twenty (20) hours of training per year during the renewal cycle; and

(b) Verification of attendance of at least eight (8) hours of methodology training during the renewal cycle.

Section 6. Suspension or Revocation of Certification and Appeal.

(1) The commission's Eligibility Committee shall revoke or suspend an instructor's certification if, after reasonable notice and a hearing, it is determined that the instructor committed misconduct with regard to fire and emergency services instructor certification or job duties. Misconduct shall include conduct such as the following:

(a) A material misstatement or misrepresentation in any document furnished to the commission to obtain the issuance or renewal of certification;

(b) Falsification of training records; or

(c) An act of negligence or malfeasance.

(2) An instructor whose certification is subject to suspension or revocation shall be entitled to thirty (30) days' notice and a hearing before the commission's Eligibility Committee.

(3) If the commission's Eligibility Committee hearing results in a decision to revoke or suspend an instructor's certification, the instructor shall be notified in writing of the action and the right to appeal before the commission no later than ten (10) days following the hearing.

(4) An instructor shall request an appeal in writing within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the notification of the commission's intent to revoke or suspend the instructor's certification.

(5) If the individual appeals the commission's intent to revoke or suspend his or her instructor certification, a hearing shall be conducted at the next regular meeting of the commission, or within thirty (30) days of the appeal request, whichever is first.

(6) If the commission's hearing results in a decision to revoke or suspend an instructor's certification, the instructor shall be notified in writing of the action and the right to appeal pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B no later than ten (10) days following the hearing of the appeal.

(7) The certification of an instructor who fails to maintain active status with a commission-recognized Kentucky fire department, degree program, federal fire department, or Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training shall be automatically suspended until active status with a commission-recognized Kentucky fire department, degree program, federal fire department, or Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training is reinstated and all requirements for recertification are met.

Section 7. Reinstatement of Certification.

(1) The commission shall reinstate the certification of an instructor whose certification has lapsed for a period not exceeding one (1) year, unless the applicant has been

subjected to discipline that would prevent reinstatement, upon submission of:

- (a) A completed Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Reinstatement webform;
 - (b) Proof of completion of at least eight (8) hours of methodology training provided by State Fire Rescue Training; and
 - (c) Verification of attendance of at least twenty (20) hours of recognized fire service training following the date of reactivation by a commission recognized Kentucky fire department of which the applicant is a member.
- (2) The commission shall not reinstate the certification of an instructor whose certification has lapsed for a period exceeding one (1) year.

Section 8. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

- (a) "Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level I webform", 2021;
- (b) "Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Level II webform", 2021;
- (c) "Kentucky Live Fire Instructor webform", 2021;
- (d) "Kentucky Live Fire Instructor-In-Charge webform", 2021; and
- (e) "Kentucky Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Reinstatement webform", 2021.

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