



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

ALEX SINK  
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

Florida State Statute 633.35(3) 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 part. Florida law requires three hundred and sixty (360) 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 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 would be required to attend a Firefighter Minimum Standards Course, at one of over 30 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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**THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
*Division of the State Fire Marshal*

**PRELIMINARY EQUIVALENCY APPLICATION  
 FIREFIGHTER MINIMUM CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS  
 BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING**

Please type or print requested information legibly.

NAME: LAST FIRST MI

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HOME ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER<sup>1</sup> TELEPHONE NUMBER

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FIRE DEPARTMENT (if employed) DATE EMPLOYED

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EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

| SUBJECT                                    | MINIMUM * | SUBJECT                              | MINIMUM * |
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| Orientation                                | 06.5      | Ventilation                          | 09        |
| Water Supply                               | 05        | Forcible Entry                       | 12.5      |
| Ladders                                    | 19.5      | Hose                                 | 29        |
| Fire Streams Foam                          | 09        | Fire Streams Water                   | 05.5      |
| Rescue & Extrication                       | 29        | Fire Control                         | 29.5      |
| Hazardous Materials Awareness              | 08        | Hazardous Materials Operations Level | 16        |
| Ropes & Knots                              | 12        | Building Construction                | 05.5      |
| Loss Control                               | 09.5      | Controlled Burns                     | 18        |
| First Responder                            | 40        | Physical Fitness                     | 08        |
| Fire Cause & Determination                 | 03        | Fire Alarms & Communication          | 07.5      |
| Personal Protective Equipment              | 15        | Automatic Sprinkler Systems          | 05.5      |
| Prevention & Public Education              | 10        | Fire Behavior                        | 03.5      |
| Portable Extinguishers                     | 03.5      | Firefighter Safety                   | 03.5      |
| Implementing An Incident Management System | 02.5      | Building Search & Victim Removal     | 10.5      |
| Review                                     | 12        | Examinations                         | 12        |

**\* MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA STATE STATUTE (360 HOURS) \***

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

BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
 ATTENTION: CHALLENGE REVIEW BOARD  
 11655 NW GAINESVILLE ROAD  
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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the social security number is not required; however, if you provide it, it will greatly assist us in assisting you.