



**THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
*Division of the State Fire Marshal*

**APPLICATION FOR INSTRUCTOR III CERTIFICATION  
 BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING**

Please type or print legibly.

NAME: LAST	FIRST	MI
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <sup>1</sup>	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
FIRE DEPARTMENT (if employed)	FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE NUMBER	

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE SPACE

- | <u>YES</u>               | <u>NO</u>                |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you enclosed the current application fee?<br>(Please see fee information, form DFS-K4-1019 for instructions)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you enclosed a copy of your Bachelor Degree or Transcript?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you enclosed documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Delivery course?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you enclosed documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Design course?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you submitted the notarized Personal Inquiry Waiver form?<br>(Form DFS-K4-1020 is attached)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you been a full-time paid firefighter for at least six years?<br>If not, you must document six years experience in the fire service.<br>(Paid and volunteer time may be combined) |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION, ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND PROCESSING FEE, TO:  
 BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING, 11655 NW GAINESVILLE ROAD, OCALA, FLORIDA 34482-1486

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**DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

There are three levels of Instructor Certification offered by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training. The three types are listed below, including the qualification requirements, and the curriculum the certification entitles the instructor to teach. In addition to these three levels, Single Course Exemption is available to individuals who may be considered an expert in a single subject based on their individual education and experience. Please refer to Administrative Code 69A-37.059 for additional information and details relative to triennial renewal requirements.

**INSTRUCTOR I**      Requirements are:

1.      Six years experience as a regular member of an organized fire department.
2.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Delivery class or equivalent.
3.      Documentation of high school graduation or equivalent.
4.      Physical ability to perform the tasks associated with the training.
5.      Form DFS-K4-1451, current application fee, and successful completion of the State Written Examination.

An Instructor I may teach any classes in the program area(s) in which they are certified or hold a certificate of competency.

**INSTRUCTOR II**      Requirements are:

1.      Six years experience as a regular member of an organized fire department.
2.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Delivery class or equivalent.
3.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Design class or equivalent.
4.      Documentation of an Associate's Degree or higher that meets the requirements of s817.567.
5.      Physical ability to perform the tasks associated with the training.
6.      Form DFS-K4-1452, current application fee, and successful completion of the State Written Examination.

An Instructor II may teach any class which is recognized as part of the curriculum established and developed by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, provided the instructor can verify successful completion of the same course by certificate or transcript.

**INSTRUCTOR III**      Requirements are:

1.      Six years experience as a regular member of an organized fire department.
2.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Delivery class or equivalent.
3.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Design class or equivalent.
4.      Documentation of a Bachelor's Degree or higher that meets the requirements of s817.567.
5.      Physical ability to perform the tasks associated with the training.
6.      Form DFS-K4-1453, and current application fee. (No examination is required.)

An Instructor III may teach any class which is recognized as part of the curriculum established and developed by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, provided the instructor can verify successful completion of the same course by certificate or transcript.

**Single Course Exemption**

NOTE: This level of Instructor Certification is designed for "experts" in a field relevant to the fire service, who may or may not be in the fire service, or who may reside outside the State of Florida. This level of certification is granted on a case by case basis.

1.      Letter, with detailed description of credentials/experience, requesting consideration for this exemption.
2.      Documentation of expertise and or education in the subject area to be taught that meets the requirements of s817.567.
3.      Documentation of completing the 40-hour Fire Service Course Delivery class or equivalent.
4.      Form DFS-K4-1455, and current application fee. (No examination is required.)
5.      Credentials review and approval by the Bureau of Fire Standards.

An Instructor holding a Single Course Exemption Certification is eligible to teach only the single course specified.



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**FEE INFORMATION**  
**APPLICATION & FINGERPRINT CARD INSTRUCTIONS**  
**BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING**

All initial applications for certification received by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training will require an application processing fee of \$30.00

**On-line Applications** - Apply on-line at [www.floridastatefirecollege.org](http://www.floridastatefirecollege.org) This fee is payable on-line as part of the application process. Follow the on-line directions.

**Mailed Applications** - The fee must accompany the application and may be paid by check or money order payable to the "FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES." Fees.

**A completed finger print card is required for Minimum Standards, Retention, Out of State Equivalency, Special Chief's Exemption, Firesafety Inspector and Special Firesafety Inspector applications. The fee is \$64.00**

**Obtain a Fingerprint Card.** If you apply on-line, a fingerprint card will be sent to you. If you do not apply on-line you may acquire the fingerprint card from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training (352-369-2800, Option 3) or from your local Certified Training Center. *Fingerprints submitted on a card not provided by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training will not be accepted.*

**Fill out the card** - The top portion of the fingerprint card must be complete in order for the FDLE and FBI to process the card. You are responsible for providing all information applicable to you. **See specific directions below.**

**Have your fingerprints taken.** You must take the fingerprint card to a law enforcement agency to be fingerprinted. *Fingers should be washed and dried thoroughly prior to prints being taken.* There may be a charge associated with having your fingerprints taken.

**Pay for your fingerprint processing.** Go to <http://www.fldfsprints.com> or call 888-717-5699 and pay by Master Card or Visa. Your application will not be processed until payment and the completed card has been received.

**Mail your completed fingerprint card** to the Bureau of Fire Standards & Training, 11655 NW Gainesville Rd, Ocala FL 34482-1486 after payment has been made.

**The following specific fingerprint card instructions must be followed to ensure timely processing:**

- \* Your name, at the top of the fingerprint card, and all other information MUST be typed or clearly printed in black ink.
- \* **Do not sign** the fingerprint card until you are in the presence of the person who will take your fingerprints
- \* The section titled "Employer and Address" is not necessary
- \* The section titled "Reason fingerprinted" must contain **"FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION CH 633.34, F.S."**
- \* The sections titled Date of Birth DOB, Place of Birth POB, SEX, RACE, HGT (HEIGHT), WGT (WEIGHT), EYES, and HAIR **must all be filled out.**

RACE \*Use W for White, B for Black, A for Asian, I for Indian, etc. DO NOT USE THE LETTER "C".

HGT \*Use feet and inches, do not use total inches.

EYES/HAIR \*To describe color of eyes and hair, use appropriate three letter code from the following list:

COLOR	CODE	COLOR	CODE
Bald	BAL	Gray	GRY
Black	BLK	Hazel	HAZ
Blond or Strawberry	BLN	Red or Auburn	RED
Blue	BLU	White	WHI
Brown	BRO		

- \* The section titled citizenship CTZ is for your citizenship - U.S., Cuba, Canada, etc
- \* The section titled Armed Forces No. MNU is for your military service number if you have one.
- \* The section titled Social Security No. SOC is for your social security number if you have one, and is very important.<sup>1</sup>
- \* You are not required to fill out the sections titled: Your No. OCA, FBI No. FBI, or Miscellaneous No. MNU.

**DO NOT FOLD OR DAMAGE THE FINGERPRINT CARD IN ANY WAY.**

The fingerprint card cannot be processed if it has been folded, creased or damaged.

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**PERSONAL INQUIRY WAIVER**  
**BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING**

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

I respectfully request and authorize you to furnish the Division of State Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, any and all information that you may have concerning my work record, school record, military record, and moral character. Please include any and all information of a confidential or privileged nature, and photostats of same if requested. This information is to be used by the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training in determining my qualifications and fitness for certification as a firefighter, firesafety inspector, or other competency certification in the State of Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

**THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ personally  
(month and day) (year) (Applicant's Name)

appeared before me and, \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me, or \_\_\_\_\_ who has provided  
\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE AFFIX SEAL ABOVE

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