



## **CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 18-001**

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### **NEW AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD AND TIMELINE**

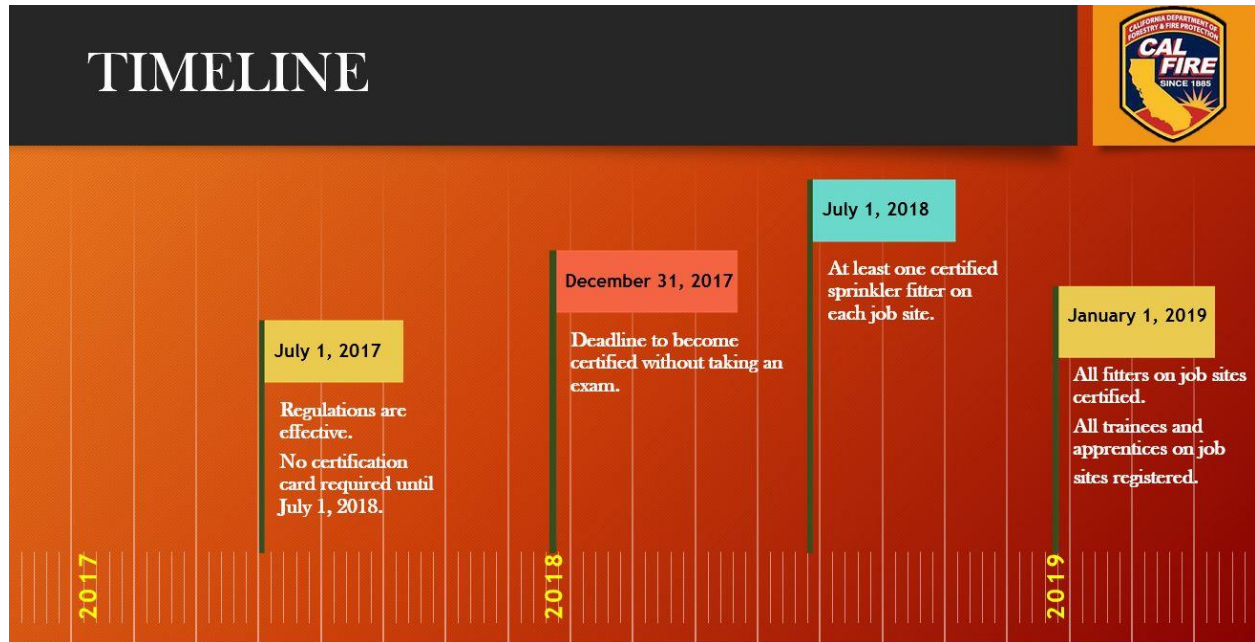
On July 1, 2017, the Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Sprinkler Fitter Certification regulations became effective. The regulations require all individual Sprinkler Fitters, Apprentices, and Trainees on jobsites who install, alter, and/or repair water-based fire protection systems to either be certified as a Sprinkler Fitter or registered as an Apprentice or Trainee. To avoid delays and work stoppages, the Certification Program will be phased in over an 18-month "Implementation Period." Below are important Implementation Period dates and deadlines to keep in mind:

**July 1, 2017** – Regulations became effective. No certification cards for Sprinkler Fitters are required until July 1, 2018. No registration cards are required for Apprentices and Trainees until January 1, 2019.

**December 31, 2017** – Deadline for Journeyman Fire Sprinkler Fitters, those who possess an active C-16, or those employed by a C-16 who meet the minimum qualifications to obtain certification without taking an examination.

**July 1, 2018** – At least one certified Sprinkler Fitter will be required per job site.

**January 1, 2019** – All Sprinkler Fitters shall possess a certification card and all Apprentices and Trainees shall possess a registration card.



For additional information please see the OSFM's [Sprinkler Fitter Certification Final Text of Regulations/Express Terms](#).

For applications, please visit CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal's [AES Webpage](#).

For questions, please contact the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal at the e-mail: [AES@fire.ca.gov](mailto:AES@fire.ca.gov).