

**State of California
Office of Administrative Law**

In re:
Office of the State Fire Marshal

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CHANGES
WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT**

Regulatory Action:

**California Code of Regulations, Title 1,
Section 100**

Title 10, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections:

Amend sections: 924.11, 937

Repeal sections: 926

OAL Matter Number: 2026-0909-03

OAL Matter Type: Nonsubstantive (N)

In this section 100 action pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, the Office of the State Fire Marshal amends and repeals regulatory sections regarding fire sprinkler fitters and fire sprinkler fitter trainees. The amendments and repeal are pursuant to a December 17, 2025, Judgment and Injunction ordered by the Superior Court of the State of California, Sacramento County, Case No. 34-2019-00249221.

OAL approves this change without regulatory effect as meeting the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100.

Date: October 8, 2026



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Director

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Marshal

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OAL FILE NUMBERS	NOTICE FILE NUMBER Z-	REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER 2026-0909-03N	EMERGENCY NUMBER
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NOTICE		REGULATIONS	

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AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY
Office of the State Fire Marshal

AGENCY FILE NUMBER (if any)

A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register)

1. SUBJECT OF NOTICE		TITLE(S)	FIRST SECTION AFFECTED	2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE	
3. NOTICE TYPE ☐ Notice re Proposed Regulatory Action ☐ Other		4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON		TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER (Optional)
OAL USE ONLY ☐ Approved as Submitted ☐ Approved as Modified ☐ Disapproved/Withdrawn		NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER		PUBLICATION DATE	

B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations)

1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Certification	1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER(S)
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SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) individually. Attach additional sheet if needed.) TITLE(S) 19	ADOPT	PER AGENCY REQUEST	
	AMEND 924.11, 937	JR	
	REPEAL 926	PER AGENCY REQUEST JR	

☐ Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Code §11346)	☐ Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named below certifies that this agency complied with the provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either before the emergency regulation was adopted or within the time period required by statute.	☐ Emergency Readopt (Gov. Code, §11346.1(h))	☒ Changes Without Regulatory Effect (Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)
☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn nonemergency filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, 11349.4)	☐ Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1)	☐ File & Print	☐ Print Only
☐ Emergency (Gov. Code, §11346.1(b))	☐ Other (Specify) _____		

4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, §44 and Gov. Code §11347.1)

5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100)			
☐ Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a))	☐ Effective on filing with Secretary of State	☒ \$100 Changes Without Regulatory Effect	☐ Effective other (Specify) _____

6. CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY		
☐ Department of Finance (Form STD. 399) (SAM §6660)	☐ Fair Political Practices Commission	☐ State Fire Marshal
☐ Other (Specify) _____		

7. CONTACT PERSON Jena Garcia	TELEPHONE NUMBER 916-531-7650	FAX NUMBER (Optional)	E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) jena.garcia@fire.ca.gov
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8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification.

SIGNATURE OF AGENCY HEAD OR DESIGNEE 	DATE 9/6/2026
TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY State Fire Marshal Daniel Berlant	

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PER AGENCY REQUEST JR

TEXT OF REGULATIONS WITHOUT REGULATORY EFFECT

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 19. PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION 1. STATE FIRE MARSHAL
CHAPTER 5.5. Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems Certification**

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ARTICLE 2. Definitions

Section 924.11. "T" Definitions.

(a) Trainee. A person or individual working in the fire protection industry installing water-based fire protection systems at an entry level position as described in Section 937.

Note: Authority cited: Section 13110, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 13110, Health and Safety Code.

ARTICLE 3. General Provisions and Fee Schedule

~~**Section 926. Maximum Number of Directly Supervised Employees.**~~

~~A Certified Fire Sprinkler Fitter may supervise the number of apprentices permitted in their Apprenticeship Agreement and up to two (2) trainees.~~

~~Note: Authority cited: Section 13110, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 13110, Health and Safety Code.~~

Article 5. Certification and Registration

Section 937. Fire Sprinkler Fitter Trainee Registration

~~(a) A person not registered in a California State or federally approved apprenticeship program, shall be registered with the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a Fire Sprinkler Fitter Trainee and work within the scope of these regulations as a trainee for up to one (1) year from their date of hire.~~

~~(b)~~ (a) To be registered as a trainee, an applicant shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be 16 years of age or older.

(2) Complete an Apprentice/Trainee Registration Application (AES 1005A) accompanied by the fees prescribed in Section 925.1 of these regulations.

(3) Provide proof of employment with a licensed California Contractors State License Board C-16 contractor.

~~(c)~~ (b) Upon approval of 1 through 3 above, the applicant will be issued a Trainee Registration Card.

~~(d)~~ (c) Individuals may perform work within the scope of these regulations for no more than ninety (90) days prior to submitting an application to the OSFM.

~~(e)~~ (d) The trainee shall work under the direct supervision of a Certified Fire Sprinkler Fitter at all times and shall do the following:

(1) Only perform installation of water-based fire protection systems for a properly licensed California Contractors State License Board C-16 contractor.

~~(2) Be registered into a California State or federally approved fire sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program within one (1) year of their date of hire.~~

~~(f) If the trainee is not accepted into a California State or federally approved fire sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program within one (1) year of their date of hire, the individual shall no longer be registered to work within the scope of these regulations.~~

~~(g)~~ (e) An original trainee registration shall be valid from the date of issuance through June 30th. Thereafter, each trainee registration shall be renewed annually and is valid from July 1st through June 30th.

- 1 Note: Authority cited: Section 13110, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section
- 2 13110, Health and Safety Code.