



# INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

## Fire Fighter Certification Options

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### OVERVIEW

In January 2020, State Fire Training (SFT) implemented the Fire Fighter 1 (2019), Fire Fighter 2 (2019), and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Tenured Path certifications. This Informational Bulletin aims to guide applicants, training officers, and agencies through the Fire Fighter Certification options to assist applicants in applying for the appropriate certification.

### FIRE FIGHTER 1 CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

Applicants should apply for the Certification based upon the version of the Certification Exam that was completed. Applicants who are unsure of what version of the Certification Exam they took should contact the accredited academy that administered the Certification Exam.

#### Fire Fighter 1 (2013)

The [Fire Fighter 1 \(2013\)](#) Certification is based on NFPA 1001 (2013 edition) and retires on December 31, 2021. This certification is available to applicants who have completed all Certification requirements, including the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification Exams. Applicants can determine whether they have completed the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification Exams in the following ways:

- All Fire Fighter 1 Certification Exams administered prior to 2020
- All cognitive exam administered using QuestionMark in 2020



Applicants seeking the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification shall apply using the [Fire Fighter 1 \(2013\) Application](#) and pay the certification fee. There is an additional fee for candidates seeking IFSAC and Pro Board accredited certifications.

Applicants who do not submit their application for certification on or before the retirement date December 31, 2021 will be required to meet the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) requirements. Candidates are required to pass the 2019 Certification Exams; 2013 Certification Exams cannot be used for the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) Certification.

#### Fire Fighter 1 (2019)

The [Fire Fighter 1 \(2019\)](#) Certification is based on NFPA 1001 (2019 edition) and is available to applicants who have completed all Certification requirements, including the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) Certification Exams. This Fire Fighter 1 (2019) Certification is administratively issued typically within four (4) weeks of academy completion (no application required) and includes IFSAC and Pro Board Certification. The certification fee is included in the Certification Exam fee, and no





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additional fees are required. The [Fire Fighter 1 \(2019\) Certification Instructions](#) provide more information about the process. Applicants can determine whether they have completed the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) Certification Exams in the following ways:

- Cognitive exam administered using SFT Automated Testing Portal in 2020
- All Certification Exam initial attempts starting in 2021

### **FIRE FIGHTER 2 CERTIFICATION OPTIONS**

#### **Fire Fighter 2 (2013)**

The [Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\)](#) is based on NFPA 1001 (2013 edition) and is for applicants who have completed all Certification requirements, including the SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification. Fire Fighter 2 (2013) does not require certification exam and does not offer IFSAC/Pro Board seals. Applicants seeking the Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Certification shall apply using the [Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\) Application](#) and pay the certification fee. The Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Certification retires on December 31, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2022, all applicants shall be required to use the new Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification, which requires completion of a Certification Exam

#### **Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Tenured Path**

The [Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\) Tenured Path](#) is designed for fire fighters who meet and exceed all required prerequisites, education, and training standards set forth by SFT for Fire Fighter 2 Certification but **do not** have an SFT Fire Fighter 1 Certification. Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Tenured Path does not require a Certification Exam and is not eligible for IFSAC or Pro Board seals. Applicants seeking the Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Tenured Path Certification must apply using the [Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\) Tenured Path Application, complete the Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\) Tenured Path Task Book](#) and pay the certification fee. The Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Tenured Path Certification retires December 31, 2021. Beginning January 1, 2022, all applicants shall be required to use the new Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification, which requires both completion of a Certification Exam and the Fire Fighter 1 Certification.

#### **Fire Fighter 2 (2019)**

The [Fire Fighter 2 \(2019\)](#) is based on NFPA 1001 (2019 edition) and is nationally accredited by IFSAC and Pro Board. Fire Fighter 2 (2019) requires applicants to complete the Certification Exam and a certification task book. Applicants who are seeking IFSAC and Pro Board Accredited certification should apply using the [Fire Fighter 2 \(2019\) Application](#).

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

[Fire Fighter 1 & Fire Fighter 2 \(2019\) Implementation Plan](#)

[Fire Fighter 2 \(2013\) Tenured Path Implementation Plan](#)

[Fire Fighter 1 \(2019\) Certification - Reciprocity Application Instructions](#)

[Fire Fighter 1 \(2019\) Certification - Upgrade Application Instructions](#)

[Fire Fighter 2 \(2019\) Certification - Reciprocity Application Instructions](#)

[Fire Fighter 2 \(2019\) Certification - Upgrade Application Instructions](#)