FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR 1 AND 2 (2019)
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The following information is an overview of the SFT Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 Certification Examination. For a complete guide on the certification examination program, visit the SFT Procedures Manual, Chapter 11, for more information.

The Certification Exam for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 contains both a cognitive and skills exam.

The Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 (2019) Certification Exam is comprised of one testing module. The testing module can be delivered after the training has been completed.

The Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 2 (2019) Certification Exam is comprised of one testing module. The testing module can be delivered after the training has been completed.

Candidates seeking enrollment in a certification exam at a testing site that was not the same as the training site must provide the testing site with one or more of the applicable exam eligibility documents:

- SFT Student Course Transcript

Test Site Policy

This is a closed-book examination. All materials brought to the examination site must be left in an unmonitored area at your own risk.

Reasonable Accommodations

SFT utilizes accredited testing sites to deliver high-stakes certification exams, and these testing sites may review and approve disability-related accommodations on SFT's behalf. Reasonable accommodations are for examinees who meet the requirements per legal obligations, including applicable national laws and regulations. These accommodations are designed to ensure that qualified candidates with disabilities have full access to exams.

Test accommodations are individualized and considered on a case-by-case basis. All candidates requesting accommodations because of a disability must provide appropriate documentation of their condition and how it is expected to affect their ability to take the test under standard conditions. Candidates requiring assistance or accommodation are held to the same exam security and administration procedures as all other candidates.

Cognitive Test Strategy

This is a multiple-choice examination with four choices per question. Examination questions are written to provide only one BEST answer. Unanswered question items will receive zero points. If you are unsure about a particular question, try to answer the question rather than leave the question blank. Plenty of time is provided to answer all examination questions, so be sure to read each question and its four choices completely and carefully before selecting the BEST possible answer.

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1

Exam Entry Requirements
Complete the Instructor 1: Instructional Methodology course.

Cognitive Exam
50 questions with a time limit of 60 minutes.

A candidate who does not pass a cognitive exam will be allowed to retake the cognitive exam module up to two times within one year of the first attempt.

Skills Exam
5 required skills and 1 random skill.

A candidate who does not pass a skill exam will be allowed to retake the skill exam up to one time within one year of the initial attempt.

Contents of the Exam

NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.2.4	Meth. of Instruction	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.3.2	The Learning Process
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.2.5	Comm. Skills	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.3.3	Adapt. Less. Plans
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.4.3	Present Prep. Lesson	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.4.4	Adaptive Learning
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.5.4	Reporting Procedures	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.4.5	Tech. in Training
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.2.2	Using Lesson Plans	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.5.2	Test Admin.
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.4.2	Learning Environment	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.5.3	Grading Eval.
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.2.3	Resource Management	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 4.5.5	Eval. Learning Proc.

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 2

Exam Entry Requirements
Complete the Instructor 2: Instructional Methodology course.

Cognitive Exam
50 questions with a time limit of 60 minutes.

A candidate who does not pass a cognitive exam will be allowed to retake the cognitive exam module up to two times within one year of the first attempt.

Skills Exam
6 required skills and 1 random skill.

A candidate who does not pass a skill exam will be allowed to retake the skill exam up to one time within one year of the initial attempt.

Contents of the Exam

NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.2.2	Instruct. Assignments	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.4.2	Methods of Instruct.
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.2.4	Training Resources	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.2.6	Instructor Evaluations
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.2.5	Prog. Management	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.3.2	Instr. Development
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.4.3	Instructional Delivery	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.5.2	Eval. Instruments
NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.2.3	Resource Develop.	NFPA: 1041 (2019) 5.5.3	Eval. & Testing

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Cognitive Exam

All cognitive exams are multiple-choice-style examinations delivered through online testing at an accredited testing site. Each cognitive exam requires candidates to achieve a minimum of 70% score. The exam results are displayed upon the completion of the exam and from within the SFT User Portal.

A candidate who does not pass a cognitive exam (a score lower than 70%) will be allowed to retake the cognitive exam module up to two times within one year of the first attempt. A candidate who fails the cognitive exam three times will be advised to seek remedial education before reapplying for additional SFT certification exams.

A candidate who needs to retake a cognitive certification exam shall provide the testing site with their SFT Student Course (Exam) Transcript from the SFT User Portal to determine retake eligibility.

> **Exception**: It is not necessary to verify retake eligibility when the candidate is an accredited academy candidate type (see Procedures Manual Section 11.3.1) who completed their academic training and all certification exams at the ARTP or ALA administering the certification exam without a separation.

Skills Exam

A candidate must successfully complete 100% of the skills on the Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Certification Exam Summary form and 100% of the teaching demonstration steps in each scenario to pass the skills exam. There will be no reattempts or retakes. The lead skills evaluator will notify the candidate of a pass or fail score upon completion of the skills station. The skill sheets can be found on the Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2 webpages under the Certification Examination section.

Cognitive and Skills Remediation

If a candidate fails the skills exam and/or cognitive exam, the candidate must retrain on the entire curriculum (skills and cognitive) before they can participate in the exam process.

At the conclusion of the retraining, the candidate shall obtain the following documentation from the approved instructor:

- A letter signed by the approved instructor verifying that the candidate has retrained on the entire module including both skills and cognitive materials and activities for each module

A candidate who completes remediation training is eligible to retake the SFT Certification Exam(s).

Any candidate who completes remedial training will be required to submit the documents identified in SFT Procedures Manual: 11.8: Psychomotor and Cognitive Remediation, item B, as part of their application.

Certification Exam Results

Results will be made available in the SFT User Portal when processing is complete.

Sample Questions

Below are two examples of cognitive examination question items. The correct answer is marked with an asterisk (*).

1. Roles and responsibilities for Fire Fighter 1 include which of the following?
   a. Assist special rescue team operations.
   b. Coordinate an interior attack line team.
   c. Respond on apparatus to an emergency scene. *
   d. Prepare reports.

2. Which of the following is not typically a type of incident to which fire departments respond?
   a. Motor vehicle collisions
   b. Hazardous materials spills
   c. Vicious dogs on the loose*
   d. Emergency medical requests

Note: All test questions (and skills) are reviewed and locally validated by the California Fire Service.

Curriculum and Reference Material

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1 and 2

- Fire and Emergency Services Instructor (IFSTA, 9th ed., ISBN 978-0-87939-696-1)
  or
  Fire Service Instructor: Principles and Practice (Jones & Bartlett, 3rd ed., ISBN: 978-1284172331)

Additional Information

State Fire Training Certification Exams are to be delivered in accordance with Title 19, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 13 California Fire Service Training and Education Program. The following links are from the State Fire Training Procedures Manual (May 2020):

- Section 4.4: Individual Integrity and Ethics

- Chapter 11: Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Certification Exams

- Section 11.3: Candidate Types