



# RECIPROCITY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

## Fire Fighter 1 Certification

### Overview

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Fire Fighter 1 Certification contains three professional qualification levels set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): NFPA 1010: Fire Fighter I, NFPA 470: Hazardous Materials/WMD Awareness and Operations, and NFPA 1140: Wildland Fire Fighter 1.

The Fire Fighter 1 Reciprocity Application is for applicants who have an IFSAC and/or Pro Board accredited Fire Fighter 1 certification (with a minimum of Fire Fighter 1 and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations) issued within 10 years of the date of submitting this application and are seeking a California OSFM Fire Fighter 1 Certification through reciprocity. Note: State Fire Training (SFT) will reject certifications that do not bear the appropriate IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals. Refer to the options below for reciprocity requirements and instructions.

Reciprocity applicants who do not have all three NFPA professional qualification levels listed above must complete the academic training and certification exams for any missing level and submit this application in two phases (See Option B).

SFT only issues combined IFSAC/Pro Board certifications. SFT will not issue a standalone IFSAC or Pro Board certification to an applicant who already holds a certification from only one of the two organizations.

### Option A – Requirements & Application Instructions

Use Option A if you have an IFSAC and/or Pro Board accredited certification that includes Fire Fighter 1, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, and Wildland Fire Fighter 1 issued within 10 years of the date of submitting this application.

#### **Certification (with IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals) issued within 10 years\***

*\*Department of Defense issued certifications are exempt from the 10-year requirement.*

- Fire Fighter 1
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control
- Wildland Fire Fighter 1

#### **Education**

- Confined Space Rescue Awareness (SFT, IAFF or IFSAC/Pro Board) or Confined Space Rescue Technician (SFT)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)

#### To apply:

1. Applicant mails the Fire Fighter 1 Certification Reciprocity Application, supporting documentation, and fee(s) to: State Fire Training, Fire Fighter 1 Reciprocity, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.
  - Check the Option A box on the application.

2. State Fire Training conducts an application review.
  - If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
  - If the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, SFT issues the digital certification(s) through the applicant's SFT User Portal.

### Option B – Requirements & Application Instructions

Use Option B if you have an IFSAC and/or Pro Board accredited certification that includes Fire Fighter 1 and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations issued within 10 years of the date of submitting this application, but not Wildland Fire Fighter 1.

#### Certification (with IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals) issued within 10 years\*

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- Fire Fighter 1
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control

#### Education

- Confined Space Rescue Awareness (SFT, IAFF or IFSAC/Pro Board) or Confined Space Rescue Technician (SFT)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)
- Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland (SFT) **or** one of the following training options:  
*(NOTE: Online courses are accepted for L-180 only. Additionally, the following training options are used to validate training only. Successful completion of the required cognitive and skills exam modules is still required for all levels.)*
  - S-130, S-190, and L-180 (CICCS and/or NWCG)\*
  - Basic Fire Fighter Training (CAL FIRE)
  - Wildland Fire Fighter course (CAL JAC)

*\*Additional verification documentation is required for any out-of-state and/or "blended" course completions that are submitted for review.*

#### Certification Exam(s)

- Cognitive Exam Module(s)
  - Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (SFT Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland)
- Skills Exam Module(s)
  - Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (SFT Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland)

#### To apply:

1. Applicant mails the Fire Fighter 1 Certification Reciprocity Application, supporting documentation, and fee(s) to: State Fire Training, Fire Fighter 1 Reciprocity, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.
  - Check the Option B box on the application.
  - Application must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the proposed exam date.
2. State Fire Training conducts an application review.
  - If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
  - If the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, SFT issues an exam authorization form.

3. Applicant takes the exam authorization form to an open-enrollment Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) or Accredited Local Academy (ALA) to schedule and complete the NFPA 1140: Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (SFT Fire Fighter 1 C) certification exam(s). Upon successful completion of the exam(s), an IFSAC and Pro Board accredited Wildland Fire Fighter 1 certification and California Fire Fighter certification will be issued to the applicant.
  - Contact the ARTP/ALA of your choice to register with the site, not SFT, to participate in the exam process.
4. Once all certification exams have been completed, State Fire Training conducts an eligibility review.
  - If the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, SFT issues the digital certification(s) through the applicant's SFT User Portal.

### Option C – Requirements & Application Instructions

Use Option C if you have an IFSAC and/or Pro Board accredited certification that includes Fire Fighter 1, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, or Wildland Fire Fighter 1 issued older than 10 years of the date of submitting this application and who need an SFT exam authorization letter to register for the Fire Fighter 1 certification exam at an accredited testing site.

#### **Certification (with IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals) issued after 10 years\***

*\*Department of Defense issued certifications are exempt from the 10 year requirement.*

- Fire Fighter 1
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control
- Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (if applicable)

#### **Education**

- Confined Space Rescue Awareness (SFT, IAFF or IFSAC/Pro Board) or Confined Space Rescue Technician (SFT)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)
- Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland (SFT) **or** one of the following training options (*NOTE: Online courses are accepted for L-180 only. Additionally, the following training options are used to validate training only. Successful completion of the required cognitive and skills exam modules is still required for all levels.*)
  - S-130, S-190, and L-180 (CICCS and/or NWCG)\*
  - Basic Fire Fighter Training (CAL FIRE)
  - Wildland Fire Fighter course (CAL JAC)

*\*Additional verification documentation is required for any out-of-state and/or “blended” course completions that are submitted for review.*

#### **Certification Exams**

- Cognitive Exam Module(s)
  - Fire Fighter 1
  - Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control
  - Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (SFT Fire Fighter 1C)
- Skills Exam Module(s)

- Fire Fighter 1
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control
- Wildland Fire Fighter 1 (SFT Fire Fighter 1C)

### To apply:

1. Applicant mails the Fire Fighter 1 Certification Reciprocity Application, supporting documentation, and fee(s) to: State Fire Training, Fire Fighter 1 Reciprocity, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.
  - Check the Option C box on the application.
  - Application must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the proposed exam date.
2. State Fire Training conducts an application review.
  - If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
  - If the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, SFT issues an exam authorization form for the applicant to take the Fire Fighter 1 certification exam.
3. Applicant takes the exam authorization form to an open enrollment Accredited Regional Training Program (ARTP) or Accredited Local Academy (ALA) to schedule and complete the SFT certification exam(s).
  - Contact the ARTP/ALA of your choice to register with the site, not SFT, to participate in the exam process.
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### **Personal Information Notice**

Pursuant to the [Federal Privacy Act \(P.L. 93-579\)](#) and the Information [Practices Act of 1977 \(Civil Code Sections 1798, et seq.\)](#), notice is hereby given for the request of personal information by this form. The requested personal information is voluntary. The principal purpose of the voluntary information is to facilitate the processing of this form. The failure to provide all or part of the requested information may delay the processing of this form. No disclosure of personal information will be made unless permissible under [Article 6 of the Information Practice Act of 1977 \(Civil Code Section 1798.24\)](#). Each individual has the right, upon request and proper identification, to inspect all personal information in any record maintained on the individual by an identifying particular. Direct any inquiries to [calfire.cpo@fire.ca.gov](mailto:calfire.cpo@fire.ca.gov).



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### Identification

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SFT ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SSN (last 4 digits)** \_\_\_\_\_

**DoD # (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Mobile):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Option A – Submission Requirements

Option A applies to applicants with an IFSAC and/or Pro Board-accredited certification, including Fire Fighter 1, Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations, and Wildland Fire Fighter 1, issued within the past 10 years. Submit documentation verifying completion of the required criteria. No verification is needed for State Fire Training (SFT) records already documented in your SFT User Portal.

#### Certification (with IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals)

- Fire Fighter 1
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations: Mission Specific: PPE, Product Control
- Wildland Fire Fighter 1

#### Education

- Confined Space Rescue Awareness (Only if completed through SFT, IAFF, or IFSAC/Pro Board)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)

#### Fee

- \$275 Pro Board®/IFSAC Reciprocity Review and California OSFM Fire Fighter 1 Certification (non-refundable) - payable to: State Fire Training

### Option B – Request Exam Authorization

Option B applies to applicants with an IFSAC and/or Pro Board-accredited certification issued within the past 10 years, including Fire Fighter 1 and Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations, but not Wildland Fire Fighter 1. These applicants need SFT exam authorization to register for the Wildland Fire Fighter 1 certification exam at an accredited testing site. Submit documentation verifying completion of the required criteria. No verification is needed for SFT records already documented in your SFT User Portal.



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**Fee**

- \$125 Pro Board®/IFSAC Reciprocity Review fee (non-refundable) - payable to: State Fire Training

**Option C – Request Exam Authorization**

Option C applies to applicants with an IFSAC and/or Pro Board-accredited certification issued more than 10 years ago, including Fire Fighter 1, Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations, and/or Wildland Fire Fighter 1. These applicants need SFT exam authorization to register for the Fire Fighter 1 certification exam at an accredited testing site. Submit documentation verifying completion of the required criteria. No verification is needed for State Fire Training (SFT) records already documented in your SFT User Portal.

**Certification (with IFSAC and/or Pro Board seals)**

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**Education**

- Confined Space Rescue Awareness (SFT, IAFF or IFSAC/Pro Board) or Confined Space Rescue Tech. (SFT)
- IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800 (SFT, CAL FIRE, FEMA, NWCG)
- Fire Fighter 1C: Wildland (SFT) **or** one of the following:
  - S-130, S-190, and L-180 (CICCS and/or NWCG) **OR** Basic Fire Fighter Training (CAL FIRE) **OR** Wildland Fire Fighter course (CAL JAC)

**Fee**

- \$125 Pro Board®/IFSAC Reciprocity Review fee (non-refundable) - payable to: State Fire Training

**Authority**

I, the undersigned, am the person applying for certification. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that all information contained in this application is true in every respect. I understand that misstatements, omissions of material facts, or falsification of information or documents may be cause for rejection. If SFT rejects my application due to the falsification of information or documents, I understand that SFT will place a two-year restriction on my ability to reapply for certification.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(CAL FIRE Account Code: 0198-XXXX-4143500-4143500014-35405902-59210)