



FIRE FIGHTER 1 & FIRE FIGHTER 2 (2019) Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the new Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements, as well as the retirement of the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) curriculum and certification. Stakeholders are encouraged to study this information carefully and seek clarification from SFT if questions arise.

The Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) curriculum and certification requirements will be phased in for the California Fire Service Training and Education System. New Certification Training Standards (CTS) along with four (4) Course Plans have been developed based on current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Professional Qualifications and State Regulations.

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The new CTS and Course Plans has been developed based on current NFPA Professional Qualifications which includes NFPA 1001: Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2019), NFPA 1051: Wildland Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2016), and NFPA 1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017). In addition, Cal-OSHA regulations (CCR Title 8, Article 108 §5157) were incorporated into the Time Table shown in the FF1A: Structure Course Plan.

New Curriculum	Hours
FF1A: Structure	264
FF1B: Hazardous Materials/WMD	24
FF1C: Wildland	56
CSRA: Confined-Space Rescue Awareness	8
FF2A: Structure	264

Note: These hours identify the instructor-student contact hours (cognitive domain) and do not include the practice-drill hours (psychomotor). Testing hours are not included in this table. It is important to consider that safe and efficient skill delivery by fire fighter applicants can only be mastered with extensive practice (sets & reps) in the academy.

Certification Exam:

All applicants seeking Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification(s) will be required to complete the applicable certification exams. All Fire Fighter 1 and 2 (2019) cognitive exam modules will be delivered through the SFT User Portal.



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Internationally Accredited Certifications:

SFT will issue IFSAC and Pro Board accredited certifications to all eligible applicants for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification(s). The IFSAC and Pro Board seals are included in the cost of certification.

Certification Task Book:

The Fire Fighter Certification Task Book (2019) incorporates the job performance requirements (JPRs) for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) and will be required for Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification. The Fire Fighter Certification Task Book can be initiated during the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) academic training.

Experience Requirement:

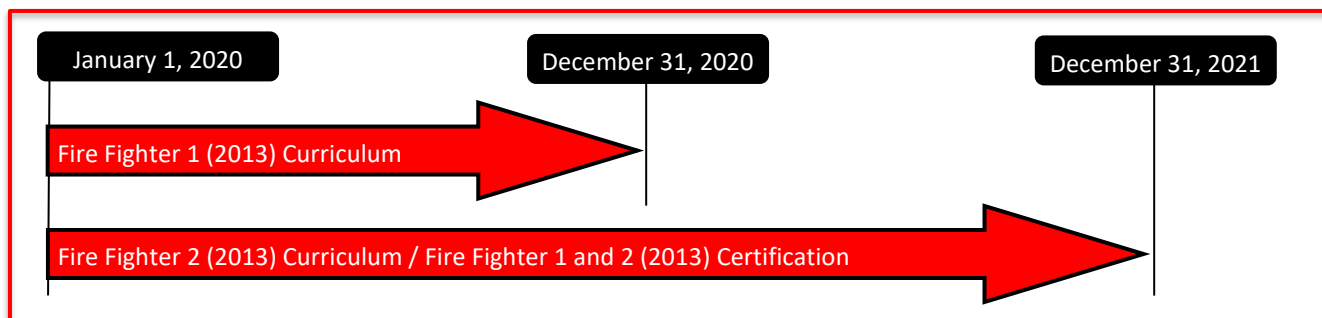
Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification does not have an experience or position requirement. The Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification experience requirement requires either on six months full-time or one year part-time/volunteer work employment.

IFSAC/Pro Board Upgrade and Reciprocity..... Available January 1, 2020

The upgrade process is designed for applicants who have a California Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Fighter 1 or 2 certification(s), issued within ten years from date of application, and are seeking accredited certification from IFSAC and Pro Board. Applicants shall be required to complete the required certification exams. The reciprocity process is designed for out of state applicants who have a Fire Fighter 1 or 2 accredited certification(s) from IFSAC and/or Pro Board and are seeking California Fire Fighter 1 or 2 certifications(s). Refer to the upgrade or reciprocity applications for details.

FIRE FIGHTER 1 (2013) AND FIRE FIGHTER 2 (2013) RETIREMENT

SFT recognizes that many applicants are vested in the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) and Fire Fighter 2 (2013) and, therefore, the existing curriculum and certification will be available for those applicants during the transition period. New participants in the Fire Fighter 1 academic training, should utilize the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019).





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Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Curriculum Retirement **December 31, 2020**
Effective January 1, 2021, Fire Fighter 1 (2013) curriculum will retire.

Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification Retirement **December 31, 2021**
Effective January 1, 2022, Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification will retire. Applicants who do not apply before this date, shall utilize the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification.

Fire Fighter 2 (2013) Curriculum and Certification Retirement **December 31, 2021**
Effective January 1, 2022, Fire Fighter 2 (2013) curriculum and certification will retire. Applicants who do not apply before this date, shall utilize the Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification, which requires Fire Fighter 2 certification exams.

Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Task Book and Experience Changes..... **Available February 1, 2020**
SFT is aligning the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification requirements with the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification. This will allow applicants who have completed the Fire Fighter 1 (2013) academic training and certification exams to be eligible for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification. Fire Fighter 1 Certification Task Book (2013) will no longer be required for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification. A completed Fire Fighter 1 Certification Task Book (2013) will be required to be on file with SFT for applicants to obtain Fire Fighter 2 (2019) certification.

- Applicants with Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification issued before January 1, 2020, **or** applicants who submitted their Fire Fighter 1 Certification Task Book (2013) at time of Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification do not need to resubmit.
- Applicants with Fire Fighter 1 (2013) Certification issued on or after January 1, 2020 shall submit their Fire Fighter 1 Certification Task Book (2013) at time of Fire Fighter 2 (2019) application.

The experience and position requirement associated with Fire Fighter 1 (2013) certification is now deferred to Fire Fighter 2 (2019). Fire Fighter 2 (2019) experience requires either one year full-time or two years part-time/volunteer work employment.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructors for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) courses shall meet the SFT requirements for Fire Fighter Instructor (State Fire Training Procedures Manual, January 2019, Section 6.6). Instructors shall have the appropriate education and practical experience relating to the specific course content. In addition, the following apply:

Confined Space Rescue Awareness Course:

The Confined Space Rescue Awareness shall be delivered as a SFT registered course. The course shall be delivered by an approved Registered SFT Primary Instructor for Confined Space Rescue Awareness. This is to meet California regulation (Cal-OSHA CCR Title 8, Article 108 §5157).



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Fire Fighter Survival Course:

SFT recommends that the Fire Fighter Survival course be delivered as an SFT registered course utilizing an approved Registered SFT Primary Instructor. Registered courses will have FSTEP course completion diplomas issued to students.

Alternatively, the course can be delivered as an unregistered course utilizing an SFT Fire Fighter Instructor. These will not be issued FSTEP course completion diplomas. Students will not be issued course completion diplomas, and will not be eligible for course equivalency or instructor equivalency.

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Agencies or educational delivery programs desiring to implement the Fire Fighter 1 (2019) and Fire Fighter 2 (2019) need to review the course plans and certification requirements to ensure that all agency training needs are met. After review, agencies should update their job specifications, recruitment documentation, and any associated course materials to reflect these new courses and certification requirements.

Public Safety First-Aid and BLS Healthcare Provider/AED CPR (minimum), as defined by California Health and Safety Code, Section 1797.182, is now a course prerequisite. Additionally, courses have been incorporated as corequisites. Host Agencies and Fire Fighter Instructors shall be responsible for ensuring that each student has completed Public Safety First-Aid, BLS Healthcare Provider/AED CPR, and all corequisite requirements.

A Fire Fighter Training Record shall be required to be completed by the agency to provide a complete record of JPRs. A copy of the Fire Fighter Training Record shall be provided to the applicant. The Fire Fighter Training Record shall be maintained by the agency in accordance with the SFT Procedures Manual.

Accredited Local Academies who have approved Fire Fighter 1 (2013) custom skill sheets, shall submit a request for Fire Fighter 1 (2019) or Fire Fighter 2 (2019) custom skill sheets at least six weeks prior to exam delivery.