



CERTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Fire Fighter 2 (2024)

Overview

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Fire Fighter 2 (2024) Certification is based on the NFPA 1010: Fire Fighter II professional qualifications set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Certification Eligibility

The Fire Fighter 2 (2024) Certification is issued to individuals who complete the required academic training and pass both skills and written exams.

- **ARTP/ALA Candidates:** Those enrolled in an [Accredited Regional Training Program \(ARTP\)](#) or [Accredited Local Academy \(ALA\)](#) are automatically registered for the certification exam. Upon completion of the training and certification exam, applicants must complete and upload their Fire Fighter Certification Task Book (2024) to the Fire Fighter 2 Application for Certification Webform located on the [SFT User Portal](#) to apply for certification. The Fire Fighter Task Book can be found on the Fire Fighter webpage.
- **Alternate Delivery Candidates:** Individuals trained outside an ARTP/ALA, trained before the exam requirement, under an older curriculum version, or prior ARTP/ALA academy must register with an [accredited testing site](#) and pass the exam to receive certification. Eligibility forms for alternate delivery candidates are listed in the Curriculum & Testing Delivery Information section of the Fire Fighter webpage.

Certification Requirements

Prerequisites

- California OSFM Fire Fighter 1 Certification

Education

- Fire Fighter 2A: Structure*

**As a standalone course or in combination with Fire Fighter 1A: Structure*

Certification Exams

- NFPA 1010: Fire Fighter 2 cognitive exam (SFT FF2A)
- NFPA 1010: Fire Fighter 2 skill exam (SFT FF2A)

Certification Task Book (with experience)

- Fire Fighter Certification Task Book (2024)
 - Complete all Job Performance Requirements (includes Fire Fighter 1 and 2)
 - Experience (one of the following four options)
 1. Have a minimum of six months of full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties
 2. Have a minimum of one year's volunteer or part-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties

3. Have a minimum of one year's internship experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties (one year = three semesters or four quarters of an academic calendar)
4. Have a combination of full-time paid and volunteer or part-time paid experience equal to six months of full-time paid experience in a recognized fire agency in California as a Fire Fighter performing suppression duties (volunteer or part-time paid to full-time paid ratio is 2:1 (for example, two months' volunteer or part-time paid = one month full-time paid))
 - Position
 1. Appointed to a position performing suppression duties in a recognized fire agency in California
 - Fire Chief verification

Application Process

To apply for the California OSFM Fire Fighter 2 (2024) Certification, follow these steps:

1. **Ensure completion of all certification requirements:**
 - Academic training (Fire Fighter 2A: Structure)
 - Certification exams (skills and cognitive)
 - Completion of the Fire Fighter Certification Task Book (2024), including all Job Performance Requirements, verified experience, appointment to a suppression role in a recognized California fire agency, and Fire Chief verification
2. **Submit Application via the [SFT User Portal](#).**
 - Log in to your SFT User Portal account.
 - Access the Fire Fighter 2 Application for Certification Webform.
 - Upload a signed copy of your Fire Fighter Certification Task Book (2024) and all required supporting documents, including experience verification.
 - Ensure all sections of the Task Book are completed and signed by the appropriate personnel.
3. **Application Review by State Fire Training (SFT):**
 - **If approved:** Digital certification(s) will be issued and accessible through your SFT User Portal.
 - **If denied:** You will receive a notice of denial with information regarding unmet eligibility requirements.

Additional Options

Upgrade Option

The Fire Fighter 2 Upgrade option is for those already certified by California OSFM who wish to earn additional certification recognized by IFSAC and Pro Board. Once the requirements are fulfilled, SFT will issue a Fire Fighter 2 nationally recognized IFSAC/Pro Board certification.

Those with a California OSFM Fire Fighter 2 Certification without IFSAC/Pro Board seals who wish to upgrade do not need to apply. Instead, they should register directly as an Upgrade Candidate at an [accredited testing site](#) for the certification exam. Certification will be issued automatically upon successful exam completion.

Reciprocity Option

The Fire Fighter 2 Reciprocity option is meant for those with a Fire Fighter 2, accredited by IFSAC and/or Pro Board, and seeking to have this certification recognized in California. Certificates without the proper seals

won't be accepted. To qualify for this reciprocity in California, you must be certified as an OSFM California Fire Fighter 1.

Please note that SFT only issues combined IFSAC and Pro Board Certifications. If you already have an IFSAC or Pro Board certification at a certain level, SFT won't issue a separate certification for that same level.

All Fire Fighter 2 Reciprocity requirements, reciprocity instructions, and costs can be found on the Fire Fighter 2 Reciprocity Application form located on the Fire Fighter 2 webpage. Applicants will also need to download and complete the Fire Fighter Task Book. Once completed, follow the instructions on the reciprocity form for submission instructions.