



CERTIFICATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Fire Investigator Certification Application

Overview

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal Fire Investigator Certification is based on the NFPA 1033: Fire Investigator Professional Qualifications set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

In January 2020, State Fire Training (SFT) transitioned to “Open Task Books”. Open Task Books are initiated by California Fire Agencies. Applicants who previously had their Task Books initiated by SFT shall use Option A. Applicants whose task books were initiated by their Fire Agency shall use Option B.

Application Requirements

Submit verification of the following documents along with this application form. It is not necessary to submit SFT course diplomas or certifications if it is listed in your SFT User Portal.

Prerequisites

- Basic Electricity (CFITrainer.net)
- Ethics and the Fire Investigator (CFITrainer.net)
- Introduction to Evidence (CFITrainer.net)
- Motive, Means, and Opportunity: Determining Responsibility in an Arson Case (CFITrainer.net)
- Interview and Interrogation course #31445 (40 hours) (POST)
- PC 832 Arrest #80102 (40 hours) (POST)

Education

- Fire Investigation 1A: Basic Fire Investigation
- Fire Investigation 1B: Evidence and Documentation
- Fire Investigation 1C: Preparation for Legal Proceedings
- FI-210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG, CAL FIRE) (36 hours)

Certification Task Book

- Fire Investigator Certification Task Book

Fee (Option B Applicants Only)

- \$100 non-refundable Fire Investigator certification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Application Process

Option A: Task Books Initiated by SFT (prior to December 31, 2019)

The following are the steps for submitting the certification application:

1. Email the certification application, education, and certification task book to the [SFT Staff Member](#) who processes the certification that you are applying for.
2. SFT conducts an application review.
 - a. If the candidate does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
3. SFT will issue your digital certification(s) through the SFT User Portal at:
<https://osfm-sft.acadisonline.com/>

Option B: Task Books Initiated by Agency (after December 31, 2019)

The following are the steps for submitting certification application:

1. Mail the certification application, prerequisites (course diplomas), education, certification task book, and fee to: State Fire Training, Fire Investigator Certification, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.
2. SFT conducts an application review.
 - a. If the candidate does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
3. SFT will issue your digital certification(s) through the SFT User Portal at:
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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 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.



Identification

Full Name: _____

SFT ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Email: _____

Option A: Task Books Initiated by SFT (prior to December 31, 2019)

Education

- FI-210 Wildland Fire Origin and Cause Determination (NWCG, CAL FIRE) (36 hours)

Certification Task Book

- Fire Investigator Certification Task Book

Option B – Task Books Initiated by Agency (after December 31, 2019)

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Applicant Review

I, the undersigned, am the person applying for this 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.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____