



CERTIFICATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Hazardous Materials Specialist Certification

Application

Overview

Hazardous Materials Specialist certification identifies the tasks performed by those involved with and who give support to Hazardous Materials Technicians. The scope of knowledge is designed to provide a more specific knowledge of the various hazards and prepare personnel to serve as liaisons to federal, state, and local agencies.

Application Requirements

Submit verification of the following documents along with this application form.

Education (CSTI course diplomas)

- Hazardous Materials 1A: Basic Chemistry of Hazardous Materials
- Hazardous Materials 1B: Applied Chemistry - Field Identification of Chemicals
- Hazardous Materials 1C: Incident Considerations
- Hazardous Materials 1D: Tactical Field Operations
- Hazardous Materials 1F: Specialized Mitigation Techniques
- Hazardous Materials 1G: Advanced Field Operations

*Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) certified Hazardous Materials Technicians are not required to repeat Hazardous Materials 1A through 1D in order to become certified as a Hazardous Materials Specialist. In this case, only Hazardous Materials 1F and 1G are required.

Experience

Submit a current, original letter signed on department letterhead and signed by the Fire Chief or his/her authorized representative describing your specific background as it relates to these experience requirements

- Have a minimum two (2) years full-time, paid or four (4) years volunteer **or** part-time, paid experience in a California fire department as a fire fighter performing suppression duties
- Have a minimum of one (1) year experience in a California fire department responding to hazardous materials incidents and performing advanced control, containment, and confinement operations that are within the capabilities of the resources available to the department

Fee

- \$100 non-refundable Hazardous Materials Specialist certification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Application Process

The following are the steps for submitting certification application:

1. Mail the Hazardous Materials Specialist certification application, copies of all required CSTI course diplomas, experience letter and fee to: State Fire Training, HazMat Specialist 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:
<https://osfm-sft.acadisonline.com/>

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.



Hazardous Materials Specialist Certification Application
OSFM-SFT-997-2 (REV. 08/21)

Identification

Full Name: _____

SFT ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone (Mobile): _____

Email: _____

Submission Requirements

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Experience

- Experience letter containing all experience requirements listed on the Hazardous Materials Technician application instructions page.

Fee

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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: _____

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