



STATE-CERTIFIED PRESCRIBED-FIRE (CA-RX) BURN BOSS (2020) Implementation Plan

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OVERVIEW

This document is intended to provide information for all State Fire Training (SFT) stakeholders on the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire (CA-RX) Burn Boss (2020) curriculum, which meets the directive within Senate Bill 1260 (Jackson, Chapter 624, Statutes of 2018).

This course provides information about and develops the skills required for planning and managing prescribed fire on State or private lands. This course contains instructor-led training, including simulation exercises and a task book. Students shall complete the prerequisites (coursework, firing, and leadership requirements) prior to being admitted to the instructor-led training and completing the task book.

IMPLEMENTATION

The State-Certified Prescribed-Fire (CA-RX) Burn Boss Certification is new to the California State Fire Training and Education System (CFSTES). As such, this certification does not require the phase out of any existing certifications or curriculum. The implementation plan represents a schedule designed to make the certification available by April 20, 2021.

New (2020) Curriculum Available April 20, 2021

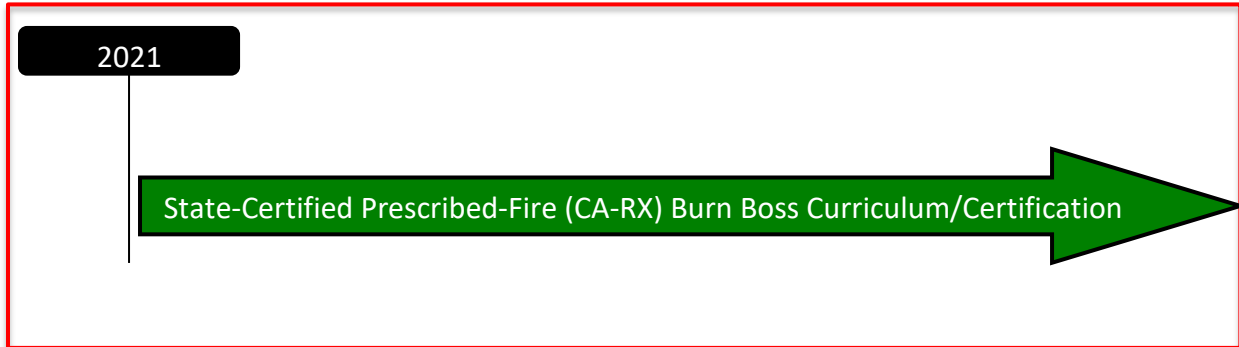
New Curriculum	Hours
State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss	40 Hours

PACE VI (Peer Review Assessment Committee)

PACE VI provides a pathway for the experienced prescribed-fire practitioner to apply prior knowledge and experience to satisfy the coursework Prerequisite Requirements. This review process is available until May 1, 2022.

This document and a letter of recommendation on agency/department letterhead, signed by the authorized signatory (a Fire Chief or CAL FIRE Unit Chief or his/her designee) and documentation of prescribed-fire experience and training shall be submitted to State Fire Training no less than 6 weeks prior to enrollment in a course. The PACE VI approval or denial shall be verified by the Registered Instructor and it is recommended that the student also maintain a copy.

New (2020) Certification Available April 20, 2021



Task Books/Application Form:

Implementation of the State-Certified Prescribed-Fire (CA-RX) Burn Boss requires that candidates complete a comprehensive task book. This task book covers all the Job Performance Requirements contained in the aforementioned professional qualification standards and CTS. Occupational experience will be verified in the Task Book with the signature of the Fire Chief or designee on file.

Certification Testing:

In response to Blueprint 2020 stakeholder comments, certification examinations will be standardized statewide.

INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Instructor Registration Available April 20, 2021

Instructor registration begins on April 20, 2021.

New Instructors

New State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss (CA-RX) Instructors shall meet the SFT requirements as a Registered Instructor, be a current State-Certified Prescribed-Fire (CA-RX) Burn Boss and satisfy all experience requirements.

Evaluator Requirements..... Available April 20, 2021

A task-book evaluator is an individual who verifies that the candidate can satisfactorily execute a job performance requirement. A qualified evaluator shall possess an equivalent or higher-level certification:

- California State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss (CA-RX) **OR**
- A California State-Certified Prescribed-Fire Burn Boss instructor **OR**
- NWCG/CICCS Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 1 (current or previous qualification) **OR**
- NWCG/CICCS Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 (current or previous qualification) **OR**
- CAL FIRE Prescribed Fire Incident Commander Type 1 or Type 3

POTENTIAL AGENCY IMPACTS

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP), Accredited Local Academies (ALA), community colleges, and all other local delivery venues need to review the curriculum and seek approval from their curriculum committee/program sponsor, as appropriate.

NOTE: Special attention should be paid to this new CFSTES course, as it is NOT included in any current SFT certification track.