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NOTICE OF ADOPTED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Requirements for the Participation and Certification of Fire Protection Personnel
- 2) Code Citation: 41 Ill. Adm. Code 141
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Adopted Actions:</u>
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- 4) Statutory Authority: Implemented and authorized by Sections 8 and 11 of the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740/8 and 11] and the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act [20 ILCS 2910].
- 5) Effective Date of Rule: July 11, 2024
- 6) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? Yes. Copies of the incorporated codes are on file in the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, and are available for public inspection at that location.
- 8) A copy of the Adopted Rule, including any matter incorporated by reference, is on file in the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703, and is available for public inspection at that location.
- 9) Notice of Proposal published in the *Illinois Register*: 48 Ill. Reg. 4345; March 22, 2024
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objection to this rulemaking? No
- 11) Difference between the Proposed and Final Versions: Various routine editorial changes were made for the purpose of additional clarity. More notable changes include: Sec. 141.100(b)(1)(F) clarifies the statutory source of the mental health training requirements that a training facility must provide; Sections 141.100(c)(1)(A), 141.100(c)(1)(B), 141.100(c)(2)(A), and 141.100(c)(3)(A) now more clearly express the date when revised safety standards are effective, in alignment with changes to incorporated standards under Sec. 141.20; and Sec. 141.115(e) now states that a training facility's course completion roster will be denied if the course schedule is not provided to the Division in accordance with the requirements of that paragraph (rather than if not provided by deadline listed in that paragraph, as proposed).
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the Agency and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreement letter issued by JCAR? Yes
- 13) Will this rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 14) Are there any rulemakings pending to this part? No

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- 15) Summary and Purpose of Rulemaking: These proposed rules update National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") Standards and editions in OSFM rules that reference individual certification requirements; update and clarify qualifications, procedures and consequences for specific certification requirements, course approval submissions, and instructor requirements; eliminate sections that are no longer valid or in effect; create a new section for State Fire Marshal Arson Investigator Special Agent certification; and revise historical titles section to reflect certification level changes due to NFPA Standard revisions.
- 16) Information and questions regarding this adopted rulemaking shall be directed to:

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The full text of the Adopted Amendments begins on the next page:

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CHAPTER I: OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHALPART 141
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AND CERTIFICATION OF FIRE
PROTECTION PERSONNEL

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[141.337 State Fire Marshal Arson Investigator Special Agent](#)
141.338 Fire Inspector II and Plan Examiner I (Repealed)
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AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Sections 8 and 11 of the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740] and the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act [20 ILCS 2910].

SOURCE: Adopted at 31 Ill. Reg. 8672, effective June 5, 2007; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 5780, effective April 2, 2009; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 8297, effective June 8, 2010; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 4131, effective March 27, 2017; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 6594, effective August 1, 2017; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 11584, effective August 31, 2021; recodified SUBPART C at 46 Ill. Reg. 2775; amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 424, effective January 1, 2023; amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024.

SUBPART A: GENERAL

Section 141.20 Incorporations by Reference

- a) All incorporations by reference in this Section refer to the standards in effect on the date specified and do not include any later editions or amendments.
- b) The following nationally recognized standards published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) (1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471; www.nfpa.org) are incorporated by reference in this Part:

NFPA 1000: Standard for Fire Service Professional Qualifications Accreditation and Certification Systems (2022)

~~NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications (2013)~~

NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2020)

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~~NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner (2014)~~

NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2022)

~~NFPA 1035: Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications (2015)~~

NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications (2019)

NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2018)

NFPA 1451: Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program (2018)

NFPA 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2020)

NFPA 1971: Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting (2018)

NFPA 1981: Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services (2019)

~~NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus (2016)~~

e) ~~The following NFPA standards are incorporated by reference through March 31, 2023, to allow for administrative updates by the fire service:~~

~~NFPA 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents (2013)~~

~~NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2013)~~

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- ~~NFPA-1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications (2014)~~
- ~~NFPA-1003: Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2015)~~
- ~~NFPA-1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications (2013)~~
- ~~NFPA-1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2014)~~
- ~~NFPA-1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2014)~~
- ~~NFPA-1041: Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications (2012)~~
- ~~NFPA-1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2012)~~
- ~~NFPA-1451: Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program (2013)~~
- ~~NFPA-1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2015)~~
- ~~NFPA-1971: Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting (2013)~~
- ~~NFPA-1981: Standard on Open Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services (2013)~~
- ~~NFPA-1983: Standard on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services (2012)~~

cd) The following NFPA standards are incorporated by reference [through December 31, 2024](#)~~starting April 1, 2023~~, to allow for administrative updates by the fire service:

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~~NFPA 1000: Standard for Fire Service Professional Qualifications Accreditation and Certification Systems (2022)~~

NFPA 1001: Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2019)

NFPA 1002: Standard for Fire Apparatus Drive/Operator Professional Qualifications (2017)

NFPA 1003: Standard for Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2019)

NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications
(2013-Rope and Trench)
(2017-Confined Space and Vehicle and Machinery)
(2021-Structural Collapse, Surface Water and Watercraft)

~~NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (2020)~~

NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner (2014)

~~NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2022)~~

NFPA 1035: Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications (2015)

~~NFPA 1041: Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications (2019)~~

NFPA 1072: Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications (2017)

~~NFPA 1403: Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2018)~~

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~~NFPA 1451: Standard for a Fire and Emergency Service Vehicle Operations Training Program (2018)~~

~~NFPA 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2020)~~

NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus (2016)

~~NFPA 1971: Standard on Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximity Fire Fighting (2018)~~

~~NFPA 1981: Standard on Open Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services (2019)~~

NFPA 1983: Standard on Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services (2017)

d) The following NFPA standards are incorporated by reference starting January 1, 2025, to allow for administrative updates by the fire service:

NFPA 470: Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders (2022)

NFPA 1006: Standard for Technical Rescuer Professional Qualifications (2021)

NFPA 1010: Standard on Professional Qualifications for Firefighters (2024)

NFPA 1030: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024)

NFPA 1900: Standard for Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Vehicles, Automotive Fire Apparatus, Wildland Fire Apparatus, and Automotive Ambulances (2024)

NFPA 2500: Standard for Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents and Life Safety Rope and Equipment for Emergency Services (2022)

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(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

SUBPART B: TRAINING FACILITIES

Section 141.100 Training Facility Approval

- a) To become a training facility for purposes of conducting training as required by this Part, an application shall be submitted via the DPSE WebAccess Portal for review and approval by the Division. Each application shall include a minimum of one Course Approval Application as required in Section 141.115. If a submitted Course Approval is denied, the Training Facility Approval for that course shall be denied.
- b) A training facility shall have adequate resources available for conducting level specific training. Training facility requirements include:
 - 1) For courses at all certification levels:
 - A) Classrooms with adequate environmental control and seating capacity for the anticipated student population;
 - B) Multimedia projection equipment, whiteboards, chalkboards or the like;
 - C) Suitable interior or exterior areas for the performance of practical evolutions;
 - D) Real or simulated props for use during the performance of practical skills evolutions; ~~and~~
 - E) Office-approved reference materials, available to both instructors and students; ~~and~~;
 - F) Ability to provide *training in effective recognition of and responses to stress, trauma and post-traumatic stress experienced by firefighters that is consistent with Section 25 of the Illinois Mental Health First Aid Training Act [405 ILCS 105/25] in a peer setting. [50 ILCS 740/8(d)].* ~~The provisions of the Illinois Mental~~

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~~Health First Aid Training Act [405 ILCS 105] can be found at:
<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/iles/iles3.asp?ActID=3506&ChapterID=34>~~

- 2) For Basic Operations Firefighter and Advanced Technician Firefighter courses:
 - A) A training tower of not less than 2 stories in height;
 - B) A smoke and fire room or building suitable for containing, and equipped for simulating, fire atmosphere and conditions;
 - C) Forcible entry and ventilation drill facilities, including a means of providing the student an opportunity to practice opening a variety of doors, windows, roofs, floors and partitions; and
 - D) Facilities for conducting live fire training (by permission and within the restrictions of applicable State and federal entities and in accordance with NFPA 1403), involving the following required scenarios:
 - i) Structural fires;
 - ii) Flammable liquid fires;
 - iii) Liquefied petroleum or natural gas fires; and
 - iv) Vehicle fires.
- 3) For Confined Space Operations, Confined Space Technician, Rope Operations and Rope Technician courses:
 - A) A training structure of not less than 2 stories in height, equipped with suitable engineered anchor points to be used during practical evolutions; and
 - B) Documentation supporting the use and load capacity of the anchor points maintained by the training facility and available to the Division upon request.

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- 4) For a Structural Collapse Technician course, there shall be an area suitable for training in extensive shoring operations.
- c) A training facility shall have adequate equipment required to conduct level-specific training. Training facility equipment requirements include:
- 1) For Basic Operations Firefighter and Advanced Technician Firefighter courses:
 - A) A fire apparatus equipped in accordance with Chapters 5 and 6 of NFPA 1901 through December 31, 2024. Starting on and after January 1, 2025, a fire apparatus equipped in accordance with NFPA 1900;
 - B) Rope and webbing suitable for search and rescue operations in accordance with NFPA 1983 through December 31, 2024. Starting on and after January 1, 2025, rope and webbing suitable for search and rescue operations, in accordance with NFPA 2500;
 - C) Protective clothing for each student, in accordance with NFPA 1971;
 - D) Approved Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and one spare cylinder for each student, in accordance with NFPA 1981, which may be supplied by the student; and
 - E) Ability to replicate all learning experiences required for the level specific certification program.
 - 2) For Trench Operations, Trench Technician, Structural Collapse Operations, Structural Collapse Technician, ~~Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue and Machinery Operations~~, ~~Heavy Vehicle Rescue and Machinery Technician~~, Rope Operations, Rope Technician, Surface Water Operations and Watercraft Technician courses:
 - A) Rope and webbing of assorted lengths and appropriate ancillary equipment, in accordance with NFPA 1983 through December 31, 2024. Starting on and after January 1, 2025, rope and webbing of

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assorted lengths and appropriate ancillary equipment, in accordance with NFPA 2500; and

- B) Hand and power equipment to be utilized during the performance of specialized practical evolutions as specified in the relevant NFPA Standard.
- 3) For Hazardous Materials Operations, Hazardous Materials Technician, Confined Space Operations and Confined Space Technician courses:
- A) Rope and webbing of assorted lengths and appropriate ancillary equipment, in accordance with NFPA 1983 through December 31, 2024, rope and webbing of assorted lengths and appropriate ancillary equipment, in accordance with NFPA 2500;
 - B) Hand and powered equipment to be utilized during the performance of specialized practical evolutions;
 - C) Approved Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and one spare cylinder for each student, in accordance with NFPA 1981, which may be supplied by the student; and
 - D) Personal protective equipment to be utilized during the performance of specialized practical evolutions as specified in the relevant Standard.
- d) A training facility may utilize the resources of another training facility for training under this Part.
- e) Training Facility approvals will be granted on a calendar year basis. A training facility's approval will be valid for up to 5 calendar years from the date of the initial approval in conjunction with Course Approvals (See Section 141.115). A new application for Training Facility approval shall be submitted, utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal, prior to December 31 of the calendar year in which it expires. Prior to the expiration date of Training Facility Approval, the Division shall notify the training facility at one year prior and at 90 days prior of the upcoming expiration date.

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- f) The Division may monitor, evaluate and review all aspects of training facilities and courses for conformance with the requirements of this Part. (~~See~~ 50 ILCS 740/8 and 50 ILCS 740/11)~~]~~
- g) Training facilities not meeting the requirements of this Part shall have their approvals suspended or revoked.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.115 Course Approval

Training facilities wishing to offer courses leading to certification for classroom or web-based delivery shall submit a completed ~~application for~~ Course Approval Application, utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal, specifying the courses for which the training facility seeks approval.

- a) A Course Approval will be granted to those facilities that possess the specific Training Facility approval as required in Section 141.100.
- b) Training facilities shall submit the ~~application for~~ Course Approval Application utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. The appropriate course name shall be selected from the courses offered. The training facility shall have the option of including the State Practical Examinations as part of the course completion roster by checking the box on the application prior to submission. When a training facility opts to include the State Practical Examination as part of the Course Approval, the training facility must attest that everyone listed on the course completion roster utilizing the Course Approval has completed and passed the State Practical Examination. A qualified instructor shall be required for each specified course to obtain approval.
- c) Course Approvals will be granted on a calendar year basis. A Course Approval will be valid for up to 5 calendar years from the date of the initial approval in conjunction with Training Facility Approvals. A new Application for Course Approval shall be submitted utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal, prior to December 31 of the calendar year in which it expires. Prior to the expiration date of the Course Approval, the Division shall notify the training facility at one year prior and at 90 days prior of the upcoming expiration date.
- d) Training facilities may submit ~~for approval for~~ additional courses for course approval within the 5-year cycle. The appropriate Training Facility Approval

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shall be required for the additional courses. The expiration of the added courses shall remain in conjunction with the original expiration cycle. For example, a Course Approval granted between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 will be approved until December 31, 2026. If a Training Facility received additional course approvals within the 5-year cycle (for example, on March 1, 2024), the additional Course Approvals will also expire on December 31, 2026.

- e) For each approved course, training facilities shall be required to submit a schedule of all courses to be conducted utilizing that Course Approval. The schedule shall be submitted using the DPSE WebAccess Portal Event Calendar no less than 2 weeks prior to the first day of the course. The information required consists of; the name of the training facility with course approval, title of the approved course, location of the course, dates of classroom instruction, contact name and contact information for the training facility, and if applicable, dates of examination. [If the course schedule is not provided in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph, the course completion roster will be denied.](#)
- f) For a training facility to receive Course Approval for the following courses, the training facility shall submit required course syllabi and content correlated to the respective Standard as specified in ~~subsection~~[Section](#) 141.115(g) for review by the Division. The [Division's syllabi and content](#) review ~~process~~ must be completed and approved before the Course Approval will be processed.
- 1) Company Fire Officer;
 - 2) Advanced Fire Officer;
 - 3) Chief Fire Officer;
 - 4) Fire Service Executive Support;
 - 5) Fire Department Incident Safety Officer;
 - 6) Fire Department Health and Safety Officer;
 - 7) Fire Service Instructor I, II, or III;
 - 8) Training Program Manager;

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- 9) Fire Inspector I or II;
 - 10) Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I;
 - 11) Youth Firesetting Prevention and ~~Firesetter~~ Intervention Specialist; ~~or~~
 - 12) Fire Investigator; ~~or~~
 - 13) Confined Space Operations or Technician; or
 - 14) Structural Collapse Operations or Technician.
- g) Required information to be submitted to the Division for review includes, but shall not be limited to:
- 1) Title of Course;
 - 2) Prerequisites;
 - 3) Reference Material;
 - 4) Attendance Policy;
 - 5) Pre-Course Assignments;
 - 6) Course Content;
 - 7) Referenced NFPA Standard and JPRs;
 - 8) Course Hours;
 - 9) Daily Agenda; and
 - 10) Qualified Instructors.
- h) If the training facility revises a course curriculum or if the course curriculum is revised due to a change in the applicable standard~~Standard~~ or administrative rules before the Course Approval cycle has expired, the course syllabi and content correlated to the respective standard~~Standard~~ shall be resubmitted for approval.

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- i) Instructor Requirements
 - 1) A certified Instructor I may teach the following courses in which the Instructor I possesses the specified certification:
 - A) Basic Operations Firefighter
 - B) Hazardous Materials Operations
 - C) Fire Service Vehicle Operator
 - 2) A certified Instructor II may teach those courses referenced in Subpart D in which the Instructor II possesses the specified certification.
 - 3) State Practical Examination evolutions shall meet the requirement for student to instructor ratio where specified in Subpart D.
- j) Course completion rosters shall be submitted to the Division by the training facility, utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal, listing candidates who successfully completed courses. Candidates must complete 100% of the course requirements of the training facility to be eligible for inclusion on the course completion roster.
- k) The Division may monitor, evaluate and review all aspects of the delivery and record keeping of approved courses for conformance with the requirements of this Part.
 - l) Training facilities shall:
 - 1) Provide records of student attendance (a minimum of 90% attendance is required for each student seeking certification), and student evaluations of the course;
 - 2) Retain training records in accordance with the applicable local government's records retention schedule but, in no case, less than 5 years for training record review purposes; and
 - 3) Retain complete training facility student records of course completion and

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test scores for at least 5 years for training record review purposes.

- m) Each training facility shall implement and follow an established system of records maintenance for classroom or web-based delivery that shall be retained and provided to the Division upon request for review.
- 1) Training records shall include at minimum the following:
 - A) Attendance or sign-in sheets;
 - B) JPRs of subjects taught, referenced to the applicable standards ~~Standards~~;
 - C) Dates and beginning and ending hours trained for each session;
 - D) Total student contact hours;
 - E) Names and signatures of students;
 - F) Names and signatures of instructors;
 - G) Description of how the training was conducted (classroom and practical); and
 - H) Physical location of the training.
 - 2) State Practical Examination training records shall contain at minimum the following:
 - A) JPRs of subjects taught, referenced to the applicable standards ~~Standards~~;
 - B) Date of completion;
 - C) Names and signatures of students; and
 - D) Names and signatures of instructors.
 - 3) Computerized or web-based records of training shall include:

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- A) Training records maintained utilizing a computerized or web-based records management system shall be acceptable if users have passwords and access rights.
 - B) Users logging into their own account to track a training session, with their attendance at and completion of the training session validated by a Qualified Instructor or fire officer, shall have this entry counted as a digital signature.
 - C) Users who have their training sessions logged for them by a Qualified Instructor or fire officer shall be required to review their training records on a scheduled basis via their own account, thereby validating their attendance at and completion of those training sessions.
- n) A training facility must have a system for evaluating the effectiveness of a course taught at that facility.
 - o) The Division may revoke Course Approvals if a training facility violates any requirement of Subpart B or Subpart C. In determining whether to revoke, the Division shall consider the seriousness and frequency of the offenses.

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SUBPART C: EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Section 141.200 State Examinations

- a) State Written Examinations shall be developed and provided by the Division and administered by approved testing facilities. The battery of State Written Examinations to be given shall be determined by the Division.
 - 1) The Office may approve vendors to proctor State Written Examinations following established State procurement rules.
 - 2) When challenging a State Written Examination, candidates shall follow established rules and guidelines set forth by the vendor proctoring the State Written Examinations.

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- A) The Office shall pay, one time only, for a candidate to challenge a State Written Examination of a specific level.
- B) If a candidate fails the State Written Examination or fails to appear for their scheduled examination, it shall be the responsibility of the candidate or fire department to pay for additional opportunities to challenge the State Written Examination of the specific level.
- 3) Fire service-related State Written Examinations require a 70% overall passing rate. In the case of State Written Modular Examinations, a 70% overall passing rate for each module is required.
- 4) State Written Examination results shall be posted to the candidate's records and made available by accessing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. The Division shall maintain these scores and may use them internally for statistical ~~and~~ or employment purposes.
- 5) Procedure to Request State Written Examination
 - A) The training facility or fire department shall submit the completed Request for Examination utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - B) The Request for Examination attests that each candidate has a documented learning experience in each of the subject areas of the State Written Examination requested. It shall be the responsibility of the candidate's employing fire chief, or their designee, to verify completion of all prerequisites for Requests for Examination submitted to the Division.
 - C) A Request for Examination includes:
 - i) Name of training facility submitting Request for Examination;
 - ii) Name of State Written Examination;
 - iii) Training facility with proper Course Approval;

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- iv) Fire Chief or Director's name;
 - v) Name of Qualified Instructor;
 - vi) Names of candidates; and
 - vii) Test start date.
- D) The candidate must be registered on the DPSE WebAccess Portal with a valid e-mail address as required in Section 141.65.
- E) When a Request for Examination is approved, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the candidate's registered e-mail from the vendor with instructions and examination requirements. The candidate has 45 days ~~after~~from the test start date to schedule their examination date. The test start date shall be submitted as part of the Request for Examination.
- F) Candidates challenging the State Written Examinations shall meet one of the following employment requirements and be at least 18 years of age:
- i) Engaged in firefighting in an organized Illinois fire department in accordance with the Act and attested by the candidate's employing fire chief;
 - ii) Employed by a local governmental agency;
 - iii) Employed by an Illinois fire brigade;
 - iv) Employed by~~Employee of~~ the Office; or
 - v) Individuals who have retired from active fire service duties and are officially affiliated with fire service training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations or staff support for fire associations.
- G) Candidates who have not met minimum requirements for a State Written Examination shall not be examined.

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- H) Reasonable modifications to the practices or procedures for proctoring State Written Examinations, in accordance with the federal regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (28 CFR 35), shall be permitted upon the Office's receipt, review and approval of a written request from the candidate requesting the specific accommodations. Formal documentation supporting the modification or accommodation sought shall accompany the written request. The vendor shall be notified by the Division of the approval, including the name of the candidate, the accommodations approved and the specific OSFM identification number for the candidate.
- 6) The Office and IFSI, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act [5 ILCS 22/4] and in accordance with the Civil Administrative Code [20 ILCS 5/5-655], entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement, in furtherance of the certification program, which allows IFSI end of course examinations that pertain to certifications to be reviewed and approved as equivalent to the State Written Examinations. Candidates who complete the approved equivalent IFSI examinations and requirements are not required to challenge and pass the State Written Examinations. The Intergovernmental Agreement will be reviewed and revised as necessary.
- 7) Re-examination of State Written Examinations
 - A) No candidate shall be re-examined without further documented learning experiences in each of the failed subject areas.
 - B) There shall be no limits set by the Division for the number of times a candidate may take the State Written Examination, except when the State Written Examinations are allowed under Section 141.120.
- b) State Practical Examinations shall be developed and provided by the Division.
 - 1) The test site shall have toilet facilities in proximity of the area.
 - 2) [A Qualified Instructor is required to sign documentation confirming passage of the practical examinations.](#)

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- 3) For all certification courses that require a Qualified Instructor, at minimum, additional instructors must be certified as Instructor I and to the certification level when evaluating practical examinations.
- 42) All candidates shall be in clear view of the Qualified Instructor or an additional instructor that meets the requirements of subsection (b)(3).
- 53) The proctor shall not be permitted to discuss or answer inquiries regarding skills required for the State Practical Examination.
- 64) State Practical Examination results shall be posted to the candidate's records and made available by accessing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. The Division shall maintain these results and may use them internally for statistical or employment purposes.
- A) Candidates challenging the State Practical Examinations shall meet one of the following employment requirements and be at least 18 years of age:
- i) Engaged in firefighting in an organized Illinois fire department in accordance with the Act and attested by the candidate's employing fire chief;
 - ii) Employed by a local governmental agency;
 - iii) Employed by an Illinois fire brigade;
 - iv) Employed by~~Employee of~~ the Office; or
 - v) Individuals who have retired from active fire service duties and are officially affiliated with fire service training, mutual aid, incident command, fire ground operations or staff support for fire associations.
- B) Candidates who have not met minimum requirement for a State Practical Examination shall not be examined, nor shall candidates who are ill or obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In making the determination of drug or alcohol impairment, the Division shall consider, but is not limited to, observation of

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demeanor, slurred speech, odor of alcohol, general behavior and other considerations that may aid in making the determination.

- ~~75~~) State Practical Examinations required by the Division for all certifications other than Basic Operations Firefighter are valid for 12 months. If a candidate has not passed the State Written Examination within 12 months after passing the State Practical Examination, the candidate must retake the State Practical Examination. State Practical Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter are valid for 5 years. If a candidate does not pass the State Written Examination for Basic Operations Firefighter within 5 years after passing~~from~~ the State Practical Examination~~-date~~, the candidate must retake the State Practical Examination.
- ~~86~~) The passing rate of all State Practical Examinations shall be 100% and it shall be the responsibility of the qualified instructor to follow the Division's administrative rules and assure accuracy of the skills.
- ~~97~~) If firefighters from a given fire department experience excessive or repeated failures of a State Written or Practical Examination, the fire chief and appropriate officers of the department are encouraged to contact the Office for assistance.
- ~~108~~) Non-affiliated individuals may not challenge any State Written or Practical Examinations except as permitted under Section 141.215.
- ~~119~~) The Office may extend deadlines for requirements of this Section for good cause shown (e.g., military deployments, medical leaves, personal emergencies, Acts of God or natural disasters, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, etc.). ~~[50 ILCS 740/1, 11 and 12]~~

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Section 141.215 Non-Affiliated Individuals

- a) Notwithstanding the other requirements of this Part, this Section establishes the process, effective January 1, 2023, for the Division to recognize non-affiliated individuals who complete select, approved courses, pass select State Written and Practical Examinations, and, upon becoming engaged as fire service personnel, have an opportunity to obtain Basic Operations Firefighter and

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Hazardous Materials Operations certifications.

- 1) The Division will recognize course completion by non-affiliated individuals who complete an approved course for Basic Operations Firefighter or Hazardous Materials Operations. ~~The Division will recognize course completion by non-affiliated individuals who complete the classroom portion only of the Fire Service Vehicle Operator course.~~
 - 2) The Division will allow non-affiliated individuals the opportunity to challenge the State Written Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations courses.
 - 3) The Division will recognize a non-affiliated individual's passage of State Practical Examinations upon completion of an approved course from a training facility for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations.
 - 4) Non-affiliated individuals who pass the State Written and Practical Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations shall be issued a Recognition of Completion.
 - 5) Non-affiliated individuals who have been issued a Recognition of Completion and subsequently become engaged as fire service personnel may receive certification from the Office for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations if requirements under Subpart D are met.
- b) A training facility may add non-affiliated individuals to their roster utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal for the purpose of submitting course completions and Requests for Examination as described in this Section.
- 1) Information required to be added on the DPSE WebAccess Portal shall include the non-affiliated individual's:
 - A) Name;
 - B) Address;

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- C) Date of birth;
 - D) Last 8 digits of their driver's license;
 - E) Status as "non-affiliated"; and
 - F) Other optional statistical data at the discretion of the training facility.
- 2) A training facility submitting course completions for non-affiliated individuals will be limited to submitting course completions for Basic Operations Firefighter and; Hazardous Materials Operations ~~and the classroom portion only for a Fire Service Vehicle Operator course~~ and shall not submit course completions for non-affiliated individuals for any other courses.
- 3) The training facility may submit Requests for Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter or Hazardous Materials Operations State Written Examinations for non-affiliated individuals who have completed an approved course for Basic Operations Firefighter or Hazardous Materials Operations, respectively, on the DPSE WebAccess portal. To submit a Request for Examination, a training facility shall follow the process of Section 141.200(a)(5)(A) through (C) except that the verification required by 141.200(a)(5)(B) shall be provided by the training facility.
- 4) A non-affiliated individual must be at least 18 years of age prior to challenging a State Written Examination.
- c) Non-affiliated individuals shall be allowed to register on the DPSE WebAccess Portal to access their records. Registration using a valid email address shall be required prior to submission of request for examination and challenging State Written Examinations.
- d) When a Request for Examination is approved, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the non-affiliated individual's registered e-mail from the vendor with instructions and examination requirements. The non-affiliated individual has 45 days ~~after~~from the test start date to schedule their examination date. The test start date shall be submitted as part of the Request for Examination.

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- e) When challenging a State Written Examination, a non-affiliated individual shall follow established rules and guidelines set forth by the vendor proctoring the State Written Examination.
- f) A non-affiliated individual is responsible for paying costs for State Written Examinations.
- g) A non-affiliated individual shall be permitted reasonable modifications for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations State Written Examinations in accordance with Section 141.200(a)(5)(H).
- h) The Division will recognize a non-affiliated individual's passage of State Practical Examinations upon completion of an approved course from a training facility for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations, as follows:
 - 1) The non-affiliated individual must be at least 18 years of age prior to challenging a State Practical Examination.
 - 2) State Practical Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter are valid for 5 years. If a non-affiliated individual does not pass the State Written Examination within 5 years after passing~~from~~ the State Practical Examination~~-date~~, the non-affiliated individual must retake the State Practical Examination.
 - 3) State Practical Examinations for Hazardous Materials Operations are valid for 12 months. If a non-affiliated individual does not pass the State Written Examination within 12 months after passing~~from~~ the State Practical Examination~~-date~~, the non-affiliated individual must retake the State Practical Examination.
 - 4) If a non-affiliated individual passes~~individuals pass~~ the respective State Written Examination within the required practical examination time limit, a passed practical examination will remain valid with no expiration deadline.
- i) In order to challenge a State Written Examination or State Practical Examination, a non-affiliated individual~~individuals~~ must meet the minimum requirements set forth in Section 141.200, except for the requirement to be

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engaged as fire service personnel. ~~A non-affiliated individual~~~~Non-affiliated individuals~~ who ~~does~~ not meet the minimum requirements set forth in Section 141.200 (except for the requirement to be engaged as fire service personnel) shall not be allowed to challenge a State Written Examination or State Practical Examination.

- j) ~~A non-affiliated individual~~~~Non-affiliated individuals~~ who ~~is~~ are ill or obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol may not challenge the State Written Examination or State Practical Examination. In making the determination of drug or alcohol impairment, the Division shall consider, but is not limited to, observation of demeanor, slurred speech, odor of alcohol, general behavior and other considerations that may aid in making the determination.
- k) A non-affiliated individual shall be required to achieve a passing score for State Written and Practical Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations equivalent to those set forth in Section 141.200.
- l) State Written Examination results shall be posted to the non-affiliated individual's records and made available by accessing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. The Division shall maintain these scores and shall use them internally for statistical or employment purposes.
- m) No non-affiliated individual shall be re-examined without further documented learning experiences in each of the failed subject areas. There is no limit set by the Division for the number of times a non-affiliated individual may take the State Written Examination.
- n) Where an additional requirement not specified in this Section 141.215 applies to candidates for State Written and Practical Examinations under Section 141.200, non-affiliated individuals shall also be subject to such requirement, except if that requirement is to be engaged as fire service personnel.
- o) A non-affiliated individual shall be subject to Section 141.210, except that notification required under that Section to be provided to the chief shall not be provided.
- p) The Division shall issue a Recognition of Completion to a non-affiliated individual who completes approved Basic Operations Firefighter and

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Hazardous Materials Operations courses and passes the respective State Written and Practical Examinations according to this Section. The Recognition of Completion shall, at minimum:

- 1) Recognize that the non-affiliated individual has completed select courses and passed select State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 2) List all referenced ~~standards~~Standards applicable to the courses completed; and
 - 3) Specify that the recognition is not equivalent to ~~a certification~~OSFM Certification.
- q) A non-affiliated individual who becomes engaged as fire service personnel at any time during the process of courses and State Written and Practical Examinations allowed under this Section prior to receiving a Recognition of Completion may use completed courses or passed State Written and Practical Examinations in pursuit of certification, provided they meet requirements under this Part.
- r) A non-affiliated individual shall not receive a certification.
- s) When a non-affiliated individual who has received a Recognition of Completion subsequently engages as fire service personnel, the fire chief may submit, via the DPSE WebAccess Portal, an Application for Certification for both Basic Operations Firefighter and Hazardous Materials Operations, in accordance with Sections 141.301 and 141.344.
- t) The process outlined in Section 141.255 for the invalidation of ~~State~~state certifications shall apply to the invalidation of a non-affiliated individual's Recognition of Completion, except that the notification required under that section to be provided to the fire chief shall be provided to the non-affiliated individual.
- u) The Office shall not reimburse any costs related to course completion, including tuition and fees, or examination of a non-affiliated individual. No non-affiliated individual, fire service personnel or local governmental agency may make claims for reimbursement or receive reimbursement for any cost related to course completion, including tuition and fees, or examination of any

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non-affiliated individual. If a non-affiliated individual becomes engaged as fire service personnel, any course that commenced prior to engagement as fire service personnel shall be ineligible for reimbursement.

- v) The Office may extend deadlines for requirements of this Section for good cause shown (e.g., military deployments, medical leaves, personal emergencies, Acts of God or natural disasters, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, etc.). ~~[50 ILCS 740/1, 11 and 12]~~

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SUBPART D: CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Section 141.301 Basic Operations Firefighter

- a) An Illinois Basic Operations Firefighter certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~1010~~1001.
- b) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Successful completion of a Basic Operations Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 180 instructional hours;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations;
 - ~~4) Completion of the classroom portion for Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification;~~
 - ~~45)~~ 45) Completion of certification requirements for Hazardous Materials Operations; and
 - ~~6)~~ ~~Completion of a CPR/Basic First Aid course;~~
 - ~~7)~~ ~~Completion of NIMS 100 and 700 courses;~~
 - ~~8)~~ ~~Completion of the Courage To Be Safe course;~~

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- ~~9) Familiarity with the signs and symptoms of mental illness, mental health and resiliency, and applicable resources to manage such situations;~~
- ~~10) Ability to identify the signs and symptoms of substance abuse, particularly opioids, and a familiarity with applicable resources to manage such situations; and~~
- ~~511)~~ Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as a Fire Service Instructor I. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Basic Operations Firefighter as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.
- h) Modular Training
- 1) Basic Operations Firefighter training may be taken in a series of modules or as a complete course. The module series shall include:
- A) Module A
- i) Introduction to the Fire Service and Firefighter Safety~~Orientation~~;
- ii) Forcible Entry and Tools~~Firefighter Safety~~;
- iii) Fire Department Communication;

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- iv) Building Construction;
 - v) Fire Dynamics~~Behavior~~;
 - vi) Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA);
 - vii) Ladders~~Portable Fire Extinguishers~~; and
 - viii) Ropes and Knots.
- B) Module B
- i) Search and Rescue~~and Firefighter Survival~~;
 - ii) Installed Systems~~Forcible Entry~~;
 - iii) Salvage and Overhaul (Loss Control)~~Ladders~~;
 - iv) Ventilation;
 - v) Water Supply;
 - vi) Fire Hose, Appliances, Nozzles and Fire Streams; and
 - vii) Fire Control~~and Wildland Firefighting~~.
- C) Module C
- i) Familiarity with the signs and symptoms of mental illness, mental health and resiliency, and applicable resources to manage such situations;
 - ii) Ability to identify the signs and symptoms of substance abuse, particularly opioids, and a familiarity with applicable resources to manage such situations;
 - iii) Completion of a CPR/Basic First Aid course;

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- iv) Completion of NIMS 100 and 700 courses;
 - v) Completion of the Courage To Be Safe course; and
 - vi) Completion of Traffic Incident Management (NFPA 1091) training or its equivalent.
 - ~~i) Salvage and Overhaul (Loss Control);~~
 - ~~ii) Fire Origin, Cause and Protecting Evidence;~~
 - ~~iii) Fire Protection Systems;~~
 - ~~iv) Fire Prevention;~~
 - ~~v) Hazardous Materials Awareness; and~~
 - ~~vi) Assisting Special Rescue Teams.~~
- 2) The State Written Examination for Basic Operations Firefighter training may be taken in a series of modules or as one complete examination.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.302 Airport Firefighter

- a) An Illinois Airport Firefighter certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~1003~~ 1010.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Advanced Technician Firefighter;
 - 3) Successful completion of an Airport Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 40 instruction hours;

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- 4) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations; and
- 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as a Fire Service Instructor II and Airport Firefighter. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Airport Firefighter as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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Section 141.303 Advanced Technician Firefighter

- a) An Illinois Advanced Technician Firefighter certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~1010+1001~~.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Fire Service Vehicle Operator;
 - ~~3) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;~~
 - 34) Successful completion of an Advanced Technician Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;

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- ~~45)~~ Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations;
 - ~~6)~~ ~~Documentation of a minimum of one year cumulative fire service experience, beginning from the Basic Operations Firefighter or Firefighter II certification date;~~
 - ~~7)~~ ~~Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire service experience;~~
 - ~~58)~~ Completion of NIMS 200 course; and
 - ~~69)~~ Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Instructor II. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Advanced Technician Firefighter as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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Section 141.306 Fire Apparatus Engineer

- a) An Illinois Fire Apparatus Engineer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~1010~~~~1002~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Fire Service Vehicle Operator;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Fire Apparatus Engineer course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Apparatus Engineer. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Apparatus Engineer as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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Section 141.309 Company Fire Officer

- a) An Illinois Company Fire Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1021.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;

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- 2) Current certification as Advanced Technician Firefighter;
- 3) Current certification as Fire Service Instructor I;
- 4) Successful completion of a Company Fire Officer course following the described phases of education:
 - A) Phase 1: Background and foundational information can be taught via on-line learning management systems or in the classroom, consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours; and
 - B) Phase 2: Practical applications and information review shall be completed in a traditional classroom setting. This section shall be completed in class to achieve student interaction with the complex management situations that Company Fire Officers encounter. This phase consists of a minimum of 80 instructional hours.
- 5) Passage of the State Written Examination:
 - A) Once a candidate has successfully completed Phases 1 and 2 of an approved Company Fire Officer course, the candidate may challenge the State Written Examination.
 - B) The State Written Examination must be passed within one year after completion of Phase 2 of an approved Company Fire Officer course. If the State Written Examination is not passed within one year after the completion of Phase 2 of an approved Company Fire Officer course, the candidate will be required to retake Phases 1 and 2 prior to receiving certification.
- 6) Phase 3: Upon successful completion of Company Fire Officer Phases 1 and 2, and passage of the State Written Examination, the candidate will have a maximum of 3 years to complete the Company Fire Officer Task Book (Task Book), supplied by the Division.
 - A) The completed Task Book shall be verified by a certified Company Fire Officer.

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- B) The qualified instructor and employing fire chief shall document the completion of the Task Book.
 - C) If the Task Book is not completed within 3 years, the candidate shall be required to retake all Phases prior to certification.
 - D) All tasks in the Task Book must be completed after the candidate's passage of the State Written Examination. Any tasks completed in the Task Book prior to passage of the State Written Examination shall not be counted towards the completion of the Task Book.
- 7) Documentation of a minimum of 4 cumulative years of fire service experience; and
 - 8) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Company Fire Officer.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Company Fire Officer as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.
 - h) Exception to Prerequisites. If a candidate was previously certified as Fire Officer I, and meets the requirements of subsections (b)(1), (2), (3), (7), and (8), then the candidate must pass the Company Fire Officer State Written Examination and complete the Task Book to be issued a Company Fire Officer certification.

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Section 141.310 Fire Service Executive Support

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- a) An Illinois Fire Service Executive Support certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1021.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Successful completion of the Fire Service Executive Support courses consisting of a minimum of 104 instructional hours;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 4) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire service experience; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as ~~Fire Service Instructor II~~ and Fire Service Executive Support.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Service Executive Support as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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Section 141.315 Advanced Fire Officer

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- a) An Illinois Advanced Fire Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1021.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as a Company Fire Officer;
 - 3) Current certification as Fire Department Incident Safety Officer;
 - 4) Current certification as Fire Service Instructor II;
 - 5) Completion of the NIMS 800 course;
 - 6) Successful completion of an Advanced Fire Officer course following the described phases of education:
 - A) Phase 1: Background and foundational information can be taught via on-line learning management systems or in the classroom, consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours; and
 - B) Phase 2: Practical applications and information review shall be completed in a traditional classroom setting. This section shall be completed in class to achieve student interaction with the complex management situations that Advanced Fire Officers encounter. This phase consists of a minimum of 80 instructional hours.
 - 7) Passage of the State Written Examination:
 - A) Once a candidate has successfully completed Phases 1 and 2 of an approved Advanced Fire Officer course, the candidate may challenge the State Written Examination.
 - B) The State Written Examination must be passed within one year after completion of Phase 2 of an approved Advanced Fire Officer course. If the State Written Examination is not passed within one year after completion of Phase 2 of an approved Advanced Fire

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Officer course, the candidate must retake Phases 1 and 2 prior to receiving certification.

- 8) Phase 3: Upon successful completion of Advanced Fire Officer Phases 1 and 2 and passage of the State Written Examination, the candidate will have a maximum of 3 years to complete the Advanced Fire Officer Task Book (Task Book) supplied by the Division.
 - A) The completed Task Book shall be verified by a certified Advanced Fire Officer.
 - B) The qualified instructor and employing fire chief shall document the completion of the Task Book.
 - C) If the Task Book is not completed within 3 years, the candidate shall be required to retake all Phases prior to certification.
 - D) All tasks in the Task Book must be completed after the candidate's passage of the State Written Examination. Any tasks completed in the Task Book prior to passage of the State Written Examination shall not be counted towards the completion of the Task Book.
- 9) Documentation of a minimum of 5 cumulative years of fire service experience; and
- 10) Application for Certification.
 - c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Advanced Fire Officer.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Advanced Fire Officer as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.

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- g) Credit for equivalent courses will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.
- h) Exception to Prerequisites. If a candidate was previously certified as Fire Officer II, and meets the requirements of subsections (b)(1) through (5), (9) and (10), then the candidate pass the Advanced Fire Officer State Written Examination and complete the Task Book to be issued an Advanced Fire Officer certification.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.316 Chief Fire Officer

- a) An Illinois Chief Fire Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1021.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Currently hold a position at the managerial or administrative level; ~~and~~
 - 3) Current certification as an Advanced Fire Officer;
 - 4) Completion of the NIMS 300 and 400 Command and General Staff courses;
 - 5) Documentation of a minimum of 10 cumulative years of fire service experience;
 - 6) Submission of the Chief Fire Officer application supplied by the Division, including:
 - A) Resume;
 - B) Organizational chart of their fire department;
 - C) Copy of the candidate's ~~their~~ highest degree or transcripts;

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- D) Copy of the candidate's~~their~~ Advanced Fire Officer certification;
 - E) Copies of the candidate's~~their~~ NIMS 300 and 400 or Command and General Staff course completions;
 - F) Three letters of reference, one being from their immediate supervisor;
 - G) Documentation of a minimum of 10 cumulative years of fire service experience; and
 - H) Signed statement of attestation by the fire chief or, in the case of the applicant being the fire chief, the supervisor of the fire chief (such as Mayor, President of Trustees or similar official).
- 7) Successful completion of an approved Chief Fire Officer course following these phases of education:
- A) Phase 1: Background and foundational information can be taught via online learning management systems or in the classroom, consisting of a minimum of 200 instructional hours; and
 - B) Phase 2: Practical applications and information review shall be completed in a traditional classroom setting. This section shall be completed in class to achieve student interaction with the complex management situations that Chief Fire Officers encounter. This phase consists of a minimum of 100 instructional hours.
- 8) Passage of the State Written Examination;
- A) Once a candidate has successfully completed Phases 1 and 2 of an approved Chief Fire Officer course, the candidate may challenge the State Written Examination;
 - B) The State Written Examination shall be passed within one year after completion of Phase 2 of an approved Chief Fire Officer course. If the State Written Examination is not passed within one year after completion of Phase 2 of an approved Chief Fire Officer course, the candidate shall be required to retake Phases 1 and 2 prior to

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receiving certification;

- 9) Phase 3: Submission of a completed Task Book~~task book~~ for certification. The task book for certification shall be signed by the fire chief or, in the case of the applicant being the fire chief, the supervisor of the fire chief (such as Mayor, President of Trustees or similar official). The candidate shall have a maximum of 3 years from date of passage of the State Written Examination to complete the Chief Fire Officer Task Book~~task book~~ supplied by the Division;
 - 10) For Full Certification, a candidate must meet all requirements in NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer III and Fire Officer IV and the requirements identified in the current Task Book~~task book~~.
 - 11) For Provisional Certification, a candidate must meet all requirements in NFPA 1021 for Fire Officer III and requirements identified in the current Task Book; ~~and taskbook~~;
 - 12) Candidates who have completed a Chief Fire Officer course prior to January 1, 2022, and have not received Full Certification by December 31, 2025, must complete a new course prior to applying for or receiving Full Certification at the Chief Fire Officer level.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Chief Fire Officer.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Chief Fire Officer as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

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Section 141.326 Basic Fire Prevention Officer

- a) An Illinois Basic Fire Prevention Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA [1030](#)~~1031 and NFPA 1035~~.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current Certification as Fire Inspector I;
 - 3) Current Certification as Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I;
 - 4) Documentation of a minimum of 2 cumulative years of fire prevention activities; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Basic Fire Prevention Officer.
- e) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.327 Fire Inspector I

- a) An Illinois Fire Inspector I certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA [1030](#)~~1031~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Successful completion of a Fire Inspector I course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 4) Documentation of a minimum of one cumulative year of fire prevention and inspection activity; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Inspector I.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Inspector I as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.328 Youth Firesetting Prevention and ~~Firesetter~~-Intervention Specialist

- a) An Illinois Youth Firesetting Prevention and ~~Firesetter~~-Intervention Specialist certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1030~~1035~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or local governmental agency or the Office, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Successful completion of a Youth [Firesetting Prevention and Firesetter](#) Intervention Specialist course consisting of a minimum of 12 instructional hours;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written Examination; and
 - 4) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Youth [Firesetting Prevention and Firesetter](#)-Intervention Specialist.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Youth [Firesetting Prevention and Firesetter](#)-Intervention Specialist as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.329 Fire Inspector II

- a) An Illinois Fire Inspector II certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA [1030](#)~~1031~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Fire Inspector I;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Fire Inspector II course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 5) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire prevention and inspection activity; and
 - 6) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Inspector II.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Inspector II as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.330 Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I

- a) An Illinois Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA [1030](#)~~1035~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Successful completion of a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I course consisting of a minimum of 32 instructional hours;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 4) Documentation of a minimum of one cumulative year of fire prevention experience; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.331 Advanced Fire Prevention Officer

- a) An Illinois Advanced Fire Prevention Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA [1030](#)~~1031~~ and ~~NFPA-1035~~.
- b) Prerequisites

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- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Basic Fire Prevention Officer;
 - 3) Current certification as Fire Inspector II;
 - 4) Current certification as Public and Life Safety Educator I;
 - 5) Successful completion of an approved Plans Examiner course;
 - 6) Documentation of a minimum of 4 cumulative years of experience in fire prevention activities; and
 - 7) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Advanced Fire Prevention Officer.
- e) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.334 Fire Investigator

- a) An Illinois Fire Investigator certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1033 ~~and NFPA 921~~.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency or the Office, as attested by the chief of the candidate seeking certification;

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- 2) Successful completion of a Fire Investigator course consisting of a minimum of 120 total instructional hours. The course ~~may~~ shall be offered in 3 modules. Each module shall consist of a minimum of 40 instructional hours per module;
 - 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 4) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.
 - d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Investigator. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
 - e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Investigator as provided in Subpart E.
 - f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
 - g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.336 Arson Investigator (Repealed)

- a) ~~An Illinois Arson Investigator certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1033 and NFPA 921.~~
- b) ~~Prerequisites~~
 - 1) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency or the Office, as attested by the chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~
 - 2) ~~Successful completion of the Fire Investigator Course (see Section~~

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- ~~3) Successful completion of an Arson Investigator course approved by the Division and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; and~~
- ~~4) Application for Certification.~~
- ~~e) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing department.~~
- ~~d) A qualified instructor must be approved by the Division and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board prior to the course offering.~~
- ~~e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Arson Investigator as provided in Subpart E.~~
- ~~f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.~~

(Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.337 State Fire Marshal Arson Investigator Special Agent

- a) Prerequisites
 - 1) Employee of the Office's Division of Arson Investigation as a Special Agent, as attested by the Division Manager of the Office's Division of Arson Investigation;
 - 2) Completion of probationary requirements as set forth by the Office, attested by the Division Manager of the Office's Division of Arson Investigation;
 - 3) Current certification as Fire Investigator; and
 - 4) Application for Certification.

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- b) Training documentation shall be maintained in the employee's training records at the Office.

(Source: Added at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.344 Hazardous Materials Operations

- a) An Illinois Hazardous Materials Operations certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~470~~¹⁰⁷².
- b) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Basic Operations Firefighter;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Hazardous Materials Operations course including the Hazardous Materials Awareness level JPRs consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor I and Hazardous Materials Operations. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Hazardous Materials Operations as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.

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- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.346 Hazardous Materials Technician

- a) An Illinois Hazardous Materials Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA ~~470~~¹⁰⁷².
- b) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Hazardous Materials Operations;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Hazardous Materials Technician course consisting of a minimum of 80 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Hazardous Materials Technician. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Hazardous Materials Technician as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 14.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

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(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.362 Structural Collapse Technician

- a) An Illinois Structural Collapse Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1006.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Structural Collapse Operations;
 - 3) Current certification as Confined Space Operations;
 - ~~4) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;~~
 - 45) Successful completion of a Structural Collapse Technician course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 56) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 67) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Structural Collapse Technician. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Structural Collapse Technician as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.

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- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.364 Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~and Machinery Operations~~

- a) An Illinois Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~ certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1006.
- b) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Basic Operations Firefighter;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~ course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 5) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~ as provided in Subpart E.

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- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.366 Heavy Vehicle Rescue and ~~Machinery Technician~~

- a) An Illinois Heavy Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Technician~~ certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1006.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~;
 - ~~3) Current certification as Rope Operations;~~
 - 34) Successful completion of a Heavy Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Technician~~ course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
 - ~~45~~) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and
 - 56) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Heavy Vehicle Rescue ~~Vehicle and Machinery Technician~~. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

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- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Heavy Vehicle Rescue~~Vehicle and Machinery Technician~~ as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.370 Fire Service Vehicle Operator

- a) An Illinois Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1010~~1002 and NFPA 1451~~.
- b) Prerequisites
 - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
 - 2) Current certification as Basic Operations Firefighter;
 - 3) Successful completion of a Fire Service Vehicle Operator course consisting of a minimum of 8 instructional hours;
 - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;
 - 5) Completion of the required NFPA 1010~~1002~~ competency course;
 - 6) Completion of an additional 8 hours of documented driving of the vehicles with differing wheelbases in use by the employing authority having jurisdiction; and
 - 7) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

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- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor I and Fire Service Vehicle Operator. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Service Vehicle Operator as provided in Subpart E.
- f) The course as set forth in Section 141.115 and the training facility as set forth in Section 141.100 must be approved by the Division.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.385 Rescue Operations (Repealed)

- a) **Prerequisites**
 - ~~1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~
 - ~~2) Current certification as Rope Operations;~~
 - ~~3) Current certification as Structural Collapse Operations;~~
 - ~~4) Current certification as Confined Space Operations;~~
 - ~~5) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;~~
 - ~~6) Current certification as Trench Operations;~~
 - ~~7) Current certification as Surface Water Operations; and~~
 - ~~8) Application for Certification.~~
- b) ~~Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~

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- e) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Rescue Operations.~~

(Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.386 Rescue Technician (Repealed)

- a) ~~Prerequisites~~
- ~~1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~
 - ~~2) Current certification as Rope Technician;~~
 - ~~3) Current certification as Structural Collapse Technician;~~
 - ~~4) Current certification as Confined Space Technician;~~
 - ~~5) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Technician;~~
 - ~~6) Current certification as Trench Technician;~~
 - ~~7) Current certification as Watercraft Technician; and~~
 - ~~8) Application for Certification.~~
- b) ~~Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~
- e) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Reseue Technician.~~

(Source: Repealed at 48 Ill. Reg. 10877, effective July 11, 2024)

Section 141.390 Recertifications

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- a) The goal of the recertification process shall be to ensure continued demonstration of knowledge and skill proficiency in given areas of certification for Illinois fire service personnel.
- b) All referenced recertifications in this Section shall be specific to certifications attained from the Office.
- c) Any certification that requires a recertification shall remain valid if the recertification requirements are not completed, but shall not be considered current. Certifications that are not considered current shall be ineligible to be used as a prerequisite to obtain a higher level of certification.
- d) Certifications that require recertification are:
 - 1) Fire Investigator
 - ~~2) Arson Investigator~~
- e) ~~Certifications that require recertification beginning January 1, 2022 are:~~
 - ~~21~~) Fire Apparatus Engineer
 - ~~32~~) Company Fire Officer
 - ~~43~~) Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
 - ~~54~~) Fire Department Health and Safety Officer
 - ~~65~~) Advanced Fire Officer
 - ~~76~~) Chief Fire Officer
 - ~~87~~) Fire Department Safety Officer
 - ~~98~~) Fire Service Instructor I
 - ~~109~~) Fire Service Instructor II
 - ~~1140~~) Fire Service Instructor III

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- ~~1211~~) Training Program Manager
- ~~1312~~) Fire Inspector I
- ~~1413~~) Fire Inspector II
- ~~1514~~) Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I
- ~~1615~~) Hazardous Materials Operations
- ~~1716~~) Hazardous Materials Technician
- ~~1817~~) Confined Space Operations
- ~~1918~~) Confined Space Technician
- ~~2019~~) Trench Operations
- ~~2120~~) Trench Technician
- ~~2221~~) Structural Collapse Operations
- ~~2322~~) Structural Collapse Technician
- ~~2423~~) Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations~~
- ~~2524~~) Heavy Vehicle Rescue~~Vehicle and Machinery Technician~~
- ~~2625~~) Rope Operations
- ~~2726~~) Fire Service Vehicle Operator
- ~~2827~~) Rope Technician
- ~~28~~) ~~Rescue Operations~~
- ~~29~~) ~~Rescue Technician~~

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- ef)** Level-specific certifications issued on or before January 1, 2022 will no longer be considered current on December 31, 2025, except for Fire Investigator ~~and Arson Investigator~~, which ~~is~~**are** referenced further within this Section.
- fg)** Certifications issued on or after January 1, 2022 will no longer be considered current 4 years after their issuance date.
- gh)** Recertification process for all levels except Fire Investigator ~~and Arson Investigator~~:
- 1) Certifications shall remain current 4 years after their issuance date.
 - 2) Applicants for recertification must hold a current level-specific certification issued by the Office.
 - 3) Applicants for recertification must complete recertification training that follows the level-specific job performance requirements ("JPRs") in the relevant NFPA Standard within the previous 4-year certification period:
 - A) Documentation of successful recertification training may be demonstrated by completing the level-specific Recertification Task Book (Task Book).
 - B) If an applicant or fire department opts not to utilize the Task Book, documentation of successful recertification training shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training record. Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, shall include the components listed on the Task Book Proficiency Log Sheets.
 - 4) Application for recertification:
 - A) If utilizing the Task Book, the Proficiency Log Sheets shall be uploaded using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - B) If not utilizing the Task Book, a completion report meeting the same criteria of the Proficiency Log Sheets shall be uploaded using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.

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- C) In lieu of uploading either the Proficiency Log Sheets or completion report, recertification completion data shall be manually entered in the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - D) The application for recertification cannot be submitted more than 12 months prior to the date upon which certification is no longer considered current.
- 5) The Division shall send notification to the employing fire department at one year and at 90-days prior to the date that fire service personnel's certification will no longer be considered current.
- 6) The Office shall grant each candidate a 90-day grace period to complete the recertification requirements. If recertification is not completed within the 90-day grace period, the candidate may maintain current certification in the established recertification cycle if the candidate completes a new Task Book within 6 months of the end of the 90-day grace period, with task dates after the date the previous certification is no longer considered current. The application for recertification shall include the Proficiency Log Sheets uploaded or manually entered using the DPSE WebAccess Portal. Training used in one certification cycle cannot be used towards recertification in another certification cycle. If the new Task Book is not completed within 9 months of the original date that certification is no longer current, the fire service personnel may make the certification current in a new recertification cycle by submitting proof of completion of an approved level-specific course.
- 7) When submitting for recertification, the fire chief must attest that all the requirements of this Section are met and affirms that:
- A) The candidate seeking recertification is engaged as Illinois fire protection personnel.
 - B) Training documentation for recertification shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's fire department training records and is available for review by the Division upon request.

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- C) The submission of the application and Proficiency Log Sheets or completion report is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
- 8) Fire service personnel who possess the highest level of certification within specific disciplines and who desire that certification to remain current, shall only be required to recertify at the highest level. Once recertified at the highest level, all lower level recertifications shall automatically be processed and approved.
- 9) ~~Recertification Requirements for Rescue Operations. Fire service personnel who possess a Rescue Operations certification may complete the recertification requirements outlined in the level-specific JPRs in the relevant NFPA Standards in lieu of completing each rescue operations-level requirements for recertification.~~
- A) ~~Documentation of successful recertification training may be demonstrated by completing the Task Book.~~
- B) ~~If a fire department opts not to utilize the Task Book, documentation of successful recertification training shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training record.~~
- C) ~~Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, shall include the components listed on the Task Book Proficiency Log Sheets.~~
- 10) ~~Recertification Requirements for Rescue Technician. Fire service personnel who possess a Rescue Technician certification may complete the recertification requirements outlined in the level-specific JPRs in the relevant NFPA Standards in lieu of completing each rescue technician-level requirement for recertification.~~
- A) ~~Documentation of successful recertification training may be documented by completing the Task Book.~~
- B) ~~If an applicant or fire department opts not to utilize the Task Book, documentation of successful recertification training shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training record.~~

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~~€) Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, shall include the components listed on the Task Book Proficiency Log Sheets.~~

hi) Recertification Process for Fire Investigator ~~and Arson Investigator.~~

- 1) Certifications shall remain current 4 years after their issuance date.
- 2) Applicants for recertification must hold a current Office level-specific certification.
- 3) Applicants for recertification shall complete recertification training that follows the established course objectives identified in NFPA 1033, totaling 100 points over the 4-year period, based on the point system on the tally sheet used by the Division. Point dissemination shall be determined by the Division.
- 4) Application for recertification:
 - A) If utilizing the Division-supplied Recertification Tally Sheet, the Tally Sheet shall be uploaded using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - B) If not utilizing the Division-supplied Recertification Tally Sheet, a completion report meeting the same criteria of the Tally Sheet shall be uploaded using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - C) In lieu of uploading either the Tally Sheet or completion report, recertification completion data shall be manually entered using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
 - D) The application for recertification cannot be submitted more than 12 months prior to the date upon which certification is no longer considered current.
- 5) The Division shall send notification to the employing fire department at one year and at 90-days prior to the date that fire service personnel's certification shall no longer be considered current.

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- 6) The Office shall grant each candidate a 90-day grace period to complete the recertification requirements. Training used in one certification cycle cannot be used towards recertification in another certification cycle. If recertification is not completed within the 90-day grace period after the date that certification is no longer considered current and the candidate desires to maintain a current certification, the candidate shall be required to complete an approved Fire Investigator course to obtain recertification.
- 7) When submitting an application for recertification, the chief attests that all the requirements of this Section are met and affirms that:
 - A) The candidate seeking recertification is employed by a local governmental agency or the Office.
 - B) Training documentation for recertification shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's department training records and available for review by the Division upon request.
 - C) The submission of the application and Tally Sheet or completion report is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
- ~~8) For fire service personnel who possess both Fire Investigator and Arson Investigator certifications and who recertify at either level, the dates that certification is no longer considered current will be changed for both levels to the latter date.~~
- ~~i) When all recertification requirements are met, a new certificate will be available on the DPSE WebAccess Portal.~~
- ~~j) The Office may extend deadlines for requirements of this Section for good cause shown (e.g., military deployments, medical leaves, personal emergencies, Acts of God or natural disasters, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations, etc.). ~~{50 ILCS 740/1, 11 and 12}~~~~

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Section 141.395 Historical Certification Titles

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- a) The Division reserves the right to acknowledge historical certification titles as equivalent to current certification titles, to be utilized for instructor qualifications and as prerequisites for fire service personnel to transition to a current certification title.
- 1) Firefighter II certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Basic Operations Firefighter certification. Fire Service personnel who possess a Firefighter II certification can transition and obtain a Basic Operations Firefighter certification by completing the additional requirements for certification. The Firefighter II certification shall be equivalent for the course completion and State Written and Practical Examinations towards Basic Operations Firefighter Certification.
 - 2) Firefighter III certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Advanced Technician Firefighter certification. Fire Service personnel who possess a Firefighter III certification can transition and obtain an Advanced Technician Firefighter certification by completing the additional requirements for certification. The Firefighter III certification shall be equivalent for the course completion and State Written and Practical Examinations towards Advanced Technician Firefighter Certification.
 - 3) Fire Officer I certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Company Fire Officer certification.
 - 4) Fire Officer II certification shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications that requires Advanced Fire Officer certification.
 - 5) Fire Prevention Officer certification shall be equivalent to Basic Fire Prevention Officer and shall be allowed as a prerequisite for certification and instructor qualifications for Fire Inspector I.
 - 6) Fire Inspector II and Plans Examiner I shall be equivalent to Advanced Fire Prevention Officer.

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- 7) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist shall be equivalent to Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist. Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention Specialist shall be equivalent to Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist and Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist.
- 8) Hazardous Materials First Responder-Operations shall be equivalent to Hazardous Materials Operations.
- 9) The combined certifications of Hazardous Materials Technician A and Hazardous Materials Technician B shall be equivalent to Hazardous Materials Technician.
- 10) Rescue Specialist-Confined Space shall be equivalent to Confined Space Operations.
- 11) Rescue Specialist-Vertical I shall be equivalent to Rope Operations.
- 12) Rescue Specialist-Trench shall be equivalent to Trench Operations.
- 13) Water Operations shall be equivalent to Surface Water Operations.
- 14) Vehicle and Machinery Operations shall be equivalent to Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue.
- 15) Vehicle and Machinery Technician shall be equivalent to Heavy Vehicle Rescue.

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