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- 1) Heading of the Part: Policy and Procedures Manual for Fire Protection Personnel
- 2) Code Citation: 41 Ill. Adm. Code 141
- 3) 

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Actions:</u>
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141.425	Repealed
141.450	Repealed
141.460	Repealed

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141.500 Repealed

141.505 Repealed

- 4) Statutory Authority: Implemented 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].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Historically, Part 141 Administrative Rules have been revised primarily for certification purposes. This rulemaking proposes that the entire Part 141 be revised to reflect the most current requirements, practices and terminology of the Office of the State Fire Marshal's ("OSFM") Division of Personnel Standards and Education ("Division") in order to provide a more user-friendly resource for the fire service. These proposed rules: update National Fire Protection Association ("NFPA") Standards and editions in OSFM rules that reference individual certification requirements; update and clarify procedures in order to allow computer automation for and access to training records, computerized testing, certifications, training facility approvals and course approvals; eliminate sections that are no longer valid or in effect; create new sections to align with the most effective procedures, as well as statutory revisions; revise sections pertaining to Claims for Reimbursement to align with the most current practices and collating those revisions into one subpart; revise procedures and terminology to reflect the current operations of the Division of Personnel Standards and Education; and make non-substantive changes.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this proposed rulemaking replace an emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this proposed rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? Yes, there are updates of specific NFPA Standards. See proposed rules Section 141.20. These standards have been incorporated and are available for public inspection at:

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- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? No
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: This proposed rulemaking does not create or enlarge a State mandate, as defined in Section 3(b) of the State Mandates Act [30 ILCS 805/3(b)].
- 12) Time, Place and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Persons wishing to comment on this proposed rulemaking may submit comments no later than 45 days after the publication of this Notice to:
- Nancy Robinson, Associate General Counsel  
Legal Division  
Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield IL 62703
- Phone: (217) 785-7629  
Fax: (217) 524-5487
- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: This rulemaking may impact small municipalities and fire protection districts that elect to participate in the Office of the State Fire Marshal's voluntary certification program. It is intended to streamline the certification process for fire departments and individuals seeking certifications.
- B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: No additional requirements
- C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Small Business Impact Analysis: None
- 15) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2022

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CHAPTER I: OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

## PART 141

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- 141.220 Certificates Earned by Bypass Examination (Repealed)  
141.230 Examination Procedures for End-of-Course Examinations Not Administered by the Office ([Repealed](#))  
141.240 Bypass Examination (Repealed)  
141.250 State Certifications  
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141.500	Fees <a href="#">(Repealed)</a>
141.505	Waiver of Fees <a href="#">(Repealed)</a>

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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_.

## SUBPART A: GENERAL

**Section 141.10 Purpose**

~~a)~~ The Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740] requires the Office of the State Fire Marshal to establish training programs and to assist the development of training of firefighters throughout the State. Section 1 of the Act requires the Office, in a Division of Personnel Standards and Education, to *provide for the encouraging*~~encourage~~ and *aiding of*~~aid~~ municipalities, counties and other local governmental agencies of this State in their efforts to raise the level of local fire protection by upgrading and maintaining a high level of training for fire protection personnel. It is declared to be the responsibility of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to encourage the participation of local governmental units in the programs established by the Office and to aid in the establishment of adequate training facilities. [\(Section 1 of the Act\)](#)

- ~~b)~~ ~~Subpart D of this Part specifies the requirements to obtain State certification from the Office and Subpart E describes the opportunities for local governments to request reimbursement for training expenses.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Section 141.15 Definitions**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms have the meanings ascribed in this Section:

~~"Accredit" means to supply with credentials or authority or authorize or certify as meeting a prescribed standard.~~

~~"Accreditation" means the act of accrediting or the state of being accredited, especially the granting of approval to an institution of learning by an official review board after the school has met specific requirements.~~

"Act" means the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740].

"Application for Certification ~~/Validation-Attestation~~" means the application ~~official document~~ submitted ~~to the Office, signed~~ by the employing fire chief or their designee for a Candidate to receive certification that verifies Fire Chief and qualified instructor, verifying successful passage of the State Practical Examination and completion of a series of prerequisites for that certification under Subpart D ~~as required by this Part.~~

"Candidate" means fire service personnel participating in the certification program for the purpose of certification or recertification.

"Certification" means the official documentation awarded by the Office to eligible fire protection ~~firefighters/allied field agency~~ personnel after successful completion of established requirements of this Part ~~a series of assigned tasks, both cognitive and psychomotor. This certificate is the award for the completion of tasks, such as a school diploma, and, as such, remains in the possession of the individual.~~

"Division" or "DPSE" means the ~~Office's~~ Division of Personnel Standards and Education within the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

"DPSE WebAccess Portal" or "WebAccess Portal" means the web-based program that shall be utilized by the fire service to participate in the certification programs. The DPSE WebAccess Portal can be accessed at: <https://webapps.sfm.illinois.gov/PSEPortal/Account/Login>.

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"Fire Advisory Commission" or "FAC" means the advisory board which is established under the State Fire Marshal Act [20 ILCS 2905/3] to advise the Office in the exercise of its powers and duties.

"Fire Association" means a fire-related association, organization or entity that is represented on the Fire Advisory Commission by a member who serves as an ex-officio member pursuant to Section 3 of the State Fire Marshal Act [20 ILCS 2905/3].

"Fire Brigade" means an organized group of employees at a facility who are knowledgeable, trained and skilled in at least basic firefighting operations, and whose full-time occupation might or might not be the provision of fire suppression and related activities for their employer~~entity, privately owned, possessing those resources necessary for fire suppression in its own premises.~~

"Fire Department" or "Department" means an organization providing fire suppression, training,~~entity, public or private, possessing those resources necessary for~~ fire administration, fire investigation, fire prevention, rescue, executive support and related activities.~~fire suppression, fire education and arson investigation.~~

~~*"Fire Protection Personnel" and "Firefighter" mean any person engaged in fire administration, fire prevention, fire suppression, fire education and arson investigation, including any permanently employed trainee or volunteer firefighter, whether or not such person, trainee or volunteer is compensated for all or any fraction of his/her time. (Section 2 of the Act)*~~

"Fire Service", "Fire Service Personnel", "Fire Protection Personnel", "Fire Fighter" or "Firefighter" means a fire department, fire protection district, fire association, training facility, OSFM and the members of these entities who are engaged in fire suppression, training, fire administration, fire investigation, fire prevention, rescue, executive support and related activities, including 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.

"Fire Service Experience" means fire suppression training, fire administration, fire investigation or fire prevention experience in a fire department, including rescue,

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executive support and related activities.

"Illinois Fire Service Institute" or "IFSI" means the State Fire Academy for the State of Illinois, operated by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, pursuant to 110 ILCS 365/2.

"Job Performance Requirements" or "JPRs" means a written statement that describes a specific job task, lists the items necessary to complete the task, and defines measurable or observable outcomes and evaluation areas for the specific task as recognized and defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"Local Governmental Agency" means any local governmental unit or municipal corporation in this State. It does not include the State of Illinois or any office, officer, department, division, bureau, board, commission, or agency of the State except:

a State-controlled university, college, or public community college; or

the Office of the State Fire Marshal. (Section 2(b) of the Act)

~~"Fire Service Organizations" means the organizations listed in Section 141.308(e)(4)(C).~~

~~"Member" means an individual engaged by a fire department or fire brigade to carry out assigned duties, whether or not that person is compensated for all or any fraction of his/her time.~~

~~"NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association, ~~Batterymarch Park, Quincy MA 02269; pamphlet or standard number will appear after the abbreviation and the edition will appear in parentheses.~~~~

"Non-Affiliated Individual" means an individual who is not fire service personnel while attending and completing courses allowed under Section 141.215.

"Office" means the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

"Qualified Instructor" means an individual who possesses certification or certifications required to provide instruction for a specific certification level as

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listed in Subpart D.

"Recertification" means the process where a specified certification listed in Section 141.390 may be renewed through the successful completion of the relevant task book or tally sheet and the submission of a new Application for Certification by the employing fire chief or their designee.

~~"Request for Examination-Form" means the submission of the Request for Examination to the Division from a training facility form provided by the Office that a fire department or school will complete and send to the Office requesting the Office to schedule a State Written Examination date for an examination.~~

~~"School" means any school located within the State of Illinois, whether privately or publicly owned, that offers a course in fire protection training or related subjects and that the Office has approved.~~

"Standards" or "Standard" means the applicable NFPA standard or standards.

"State Fire Marshal" or "SFM" means the Executive Director of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

"State Practical Examination" means a Division-approved psychomotor examination.

"State Written Examination" means a Division-approved computer-based or paper examination.

"Successful Completion" of a course means the completion of the course and meeting the requirements of the training facility.

"Tally Sheet" means the digital DPSE-provided sheet that may be used by candidates to document JPR completion or points required for recertification as specified in Section 141.390.

"Task Book" means a Division-provided booklet used to evaluate a candidate's performance of skills or work experience required for a specific certification or recertification found in this Part. The task book includes: references to the relevant NFPA Standard and the observable behaviors, activities and tasks that must be met for certification or recertification.

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~~"Student Performance Objectives" means the course objectives that have been established and implemented by the Office.~~

~~"Trainee" means a recruit firefighter required to complete initial minimum basic training at an approved training facility to be eligible for permanent employment as a firefighter.~~

~~"Training Facility" means an academy, fire association, organization, institution, fire department, fire protection district, fire brigade, or school, college located within the State of Illinois and approved by the Division or other entity certified by the Office, under Section 141.100 or 141.110, to provide the training for fire protection personnel, as referenced in Section 141.100 ~~required by this Part.~~~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.20 Incorporations by Reference**

- a) All incorporations by reference in this Section refer to the standards in effect ~~on~~ ~~are incorporated as of~~ the date specified and do not include any ~~contain no~~ 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](http://www.nfpa.org)) are incorporated by reference in this Part:

~~National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy MA 02169-7471  
[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)~~

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

~~NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations (2014)~~

~~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 (2003 or 2014) (until July 1, 2019, either the 2003 or the 2014 edition of NFPA 1021 can be applied; after that date, the 2014 revision must be utilized)~~
- NFPA 1031: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner (2014)
- ~~NFPA 1033: Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2014)~~
- 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 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 1500: Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program (2013)~~
- ~~NFPA 1521: Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications (2015)~~



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~~NFPA 1561: Standard on Emergency Services Incident Management System and Command Safety (2014)~~

~~NFPA 1670: Standard on Operations and Training for Technical Search and Rescue Incidents (2014)~~

NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus (2016)

~~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)~~

c) The following NFPA standards are incorporated by reference for 90 days after the effective date of these amendments, 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)

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)

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- 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)

d) The following NFPA standards are incorporated by reference starting 90 days after the effective date of these amendments:

- 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)

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

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

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)

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

2) ~~Code of Federal Regulations~~

A) ~~US Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration~~

~~29 CFR 1910.120 (2013)~~

~~29 CFR 1910.146 (2011)~~

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~~29 CFR 1926, subpart P (1994)~~

B) ~~US Environmental Protection Agency~~

~~40 CFR 311 (1990)~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.30 Establishing or Revising State Certification Standards~~Advisory Committees~~**

~~a) The purpose of this Section is to establish standing committees and to provide for the establishment of ad hoc committees from time to time to advise the Office on training programs.~~

~~a) When the NFPA releases a new or revised Standard related to a certification program, the Division shall determine the impact of the new or revised Standard on current certification requirements and based upon those determinations, will make recommendations regarding certification requirements to the State Fire Marshal. DPSE shall notify members of the Fire Advisory Commission (FAC) of the recommendations. Ad hoc committees shall be made up of members of each of the organizations that have ex-officio members on the Illinois Fire Advisory Commission (as provided in 20 ILCS 2905/3) and individuals assigned by the Office who are deemed to have expertise in the training programs.~~

~~A) Each organization shall have at least one member and one alternate member.~~

~~B) The head of each of the organizations identified under subsection (a)(1) shall be contacted as to whom he or she desires to have serve on any given committee. In the case of the Illinois Fire Service Institute, the Director will be solicited for persons to serve.~~

~~i) Because each committee will deal with specific areas of expertise, the solicitation will be based on specific qualifications. Committee members shall also be solicited from various geographical areas of the State consistent with geographical distribution of expertise to insure input reflecting a general consensus of the total fire service.~~

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- ~~ii) In considering appointment of members to committees, the Division will not rely on an individual's rank in a given department, but will concentrate on that individual's area of responsibility and his or her level of certification.~~
- ~~C) Committees shall be established by the Division Manager of Personnel Standards and Education when a problem or issue arises in an area of firefighter training not covered by a standing committee or when creation of a new program is under consideration. Each committee shall be designated a specific duty and area of responsibility. Subcommittees shall be established by the Division Manager when additional expertise or personnel are needed.~~
- b2) The Division will be responsible for contacting the publishers to determine an estimated publish date for new or revised student and instructor materials and test banks that will reference the new or revised NFPA Standard. The Division will request copies of those referenced materials and test banks when they are released and available.~~The following standing committees are created with the following duties:~~
- cA) After receiving the new or revised reference materials and test banks, the Division shall review the materials and test banks to maintain compliance with the most current Standards. This process will be completed within 3 months after the Division receives the new or revised published reference materials and test banks.
  - 1) The Division shall be responsible for reviewing the published reference materials and test banks to ensure that the reference materials and test banks meet all the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) for the new or revised Standards.
    - A) The Division review may include collaboration with Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) subject matter experts and IFSI Curriculum Staff, initiated by the Division contacting IFSI's Director and Deputy Director.
    - B) If the Division determines that the published materials do not fully meet the JPRs for the Standard or Standards, the Division shall develop a plan to adequately address all JPRs. The plan may

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include contacting IFSI's Director and Deputy Director to request input from IFSI subject matter experts and curriculum staff.

- C) If the Division determines that changes to any level of certification significantly impacts members of a fire association, the Division may, informally and on an ad hoc basis, request input by contacting the affected fire association.
  - D) Notwithstanding specific requests from the Division for input on Standards, IFSI and fire associations may also contact the Division directly to offer input when a new or revised Standard is released.
- 2) Test questions shall be selected exclusively from a test bank, when such a test bank is available.
- A) When a test bank is not available, the Division shall develop a bank of test questions based upon the Division-approved published reference materials and correlated to the JPRs of the applicable Standards.
  - B) The Division shall determine the minimum number of test questions needed for each battery of written examinations and accept or develop evolutions for practical examinations to ensure each JPR is referenced.
  - C) Only Division-approved test questions and evolutions shall be utilized for the State Written and Practical Examinations.
  - D) The Division is responsible for ensuring the security of all approved test questions.
- d) Division recommendations to the State Fire Marshal (SFM) may include, but are not limited to:
- 1) Level of certifications to be added or revised;
  - 2) Titles and editions of reference materials;
  - 3) Written and Practical Examinations;

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- 4) Certification requirements;
- 5) Recertification requirements (Task Books);
- 6) Proposed administrative rule changes; and
- 7) Certification transition periods, as needed:
  - A) When a certification is revised by the Office, a transition period may be necessary to allow fire service personnel to complete any remaining unfinished requirements under the current adopted administrative rules of Subpart D for that level of certification; and
  - B) When necessary, recommendations for a transition period will be included as part of the recommended revisions submitted by the Division.
- 8) Pilot courses, as needed:
  - A) When a new certification is created or an existing certification program is significantly revised by the Division, pilot programs may be scheduled as needed to validate new or revised coursework and examinations until the adoption of the new certification by the Office is completed;
  - B) The Division shall determine the criteria for selecting and recommending pilot courses and a pilot course host to the SFM. All pilot courses shall be approved by the SFM;
  - C) The Division shall be responsible for scheduling the initial pilot courses to ensure that the validation of the pilot courses is completed accurately and efficiently;
  - D) Fire service personnel who complete a pilot course and who meet all requirements of the newly established or revised certification may be eligible to obtain certification for that level; and

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- E) The Office shall bear no responsibility for costs incurred during a pilot course.
- 9) IFSI and fire associations may offer to conduct a pilot course for any new or revised certification that has been approved by the SFM for inclusion in the certification program.
  - A) If IFSI or a fire association is selected to host the initial pilot course, they may charge attendees tuition, but the total fees collected for the initial pilot course shall not exceed the reasonable material and equipment costs for that pilot course, as determined by IFSI or the fire association with SFM's approval; and
  - B) Fee limitations shall not apply for subsequent offerings of a pilot course conducted by IFSI or the fire associations after the initial pilot course has been validated.
- e) Once the Division makes determinations and recommendations pertaining to a new or revised Standard, the Division will notify the FAC.
  - 1) FAC members will be requested to notify their subject matter experts of the proposed changes to respective certifications.
  - 2) The Division will accept comments, concerns, suggestions or questions from FAC members' subject matter experts for 30 days after notifying the FAC:
    - A) If the Division receives comments regarding the proposed changes, it shall review all comments and, if deemed necessary by the Division, schedule a meeting with subject matter experts to address their concerns.
    - B) If a meeting is scheduled, subject matter experts will be invited and shall have the opportunity to review the proposed changes to the certification or recertification programs. Test questions shall not be reviewed.



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- C) If the Division does not receive comments within 30 days, the Division will present all recommendations to SFM for review, discussion and approval or rejection of recommendations.
- 3) Upon approval by the SFM, the topic will be added to the next FAC meeting agenda for final notification of the proposed changes.
- 4) Upon final notification to the FAC, the Division will begin disseminating information regarding the proposed changes and initiate the administrative rulemaking process. The FAC will be updated as to any developments at the next regularly scheduled FAC meeting.
- f) IFSI or members of the FAC representing fire associations may request that the Office adopt a new certification.
- 1) IFSI or a fire association must submit a written request to the SFM requesting the consideration of a new certification. The written request shall include but is not limited to:
- A) The title and edition of the referenced Standard;
- B) The title and edition of the referenced publisher material; and
- C) The title and publisher of the test banks.
- 2) Upon receipt of the written request, the SFM will discuss with the Division the anticipated impact of the new certification on the fire service and Office.
- A) If approved, the Division shall contact IFSI or the fire association to begin the establishment of a new certification.
- B) If approved, the SFM shall announce the development of the requested new certification at the next scheduled FAC meeting.
- C) If denied, the SFM shall notify IFSI or the fire association in writing with an explanation of the denied request.
- ~~A) Fire Officer Committee—review applications and develop and~~

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- ~~evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for all levels of Fire Officer certification and evaluate the existing ones;~~
- ~~B) Technical Review Committee—develop curriculum, examinations and proposals for Firefighter II and III and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~C) Hazardous Materials Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for all levels of hazardous materials and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~D) Instructor Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for all levels of Fire Service Instructor and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~E) Fire Prevention and Investigation Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for these areas of certification and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~F) Airport Firefighter Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for Airport Firefighter and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~G) Fire Apparatus Engineer Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for Fire Apparatus Engineer and evaluate the existing ones;~~
  - ~~H) Rescue Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for all levels of Rescue and evaluate the existing ones; and~~
  - ~~I) Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist Committee—develop and evaluate curriculum, examinations and proposals for Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist and evaluate the existing ones.~~
- b) Committees shall advise the Division Manager of Personnel Standards and Education on programs, procedures, courses, and other matters relating to the Act within the duties and areas designated. The committees are advisory only. Committees shall meet only at the direction of the Division Manager.

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- e) ~~Committee members shall not be paid a salary for their services, but may be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses and room and board according to the requirements and limitations of this Part and 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800 (Travel).~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.40 Requirements for Participation in Training, Certification and Reimbursement (Repealed)**

~~All local governmental agencies and individuals may elect to participate in the training and certification program of the Office, subject to this Part. Units of local government and individuals may elect to participate for certification only, or for certification and reimbursement for training expenses as described in the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740].~~

- a) ~~The local government agency must pass an ordinance agreeing to participate if reimbursement funding is to be sought.~~
- 1) ~~The Office will provide the governing body with a copy of a model ordinance upon request.~~
- 2) ~~For participation for reimbursement, each local governmental agency must pass an ordinance requiring trainees to be certified at the Firefighter II level by the end of the probationary period. The ordinance must state the length of the probationary period. A certified copy of the required ordinance must be sent to the Office.~~
- A) ~~Local governmental agencies under the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5] are limited to probationary periods not to exceed one year for all firefighters except those having paramedic duties.~~
- B) ~~All local governmental agencies that participate for reimbursement and file a certified copy of the required ordinance shall be eligible for reimbursement from the date a certified copy of the ordinance is received by the Office. Reimbursement for trainees and permanent fire protection personnel will be paid only for courses begun after the date of the receipt of the certified copy of the ordinance.~~

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- ~~€) Failure of any trainee to complete the prescribed basic training and certification within the required period will render that individual and local governmental agency ineligible for reimbursement for basic training for that individual in the year in which his/her probationary period ends. The individual may later become certified without reimbursement.~~
- 3) ~~Personnel who are department members prior to the date of the ordinance are not required by the Office to become certified as Firefighter II but may do so on a voluntary basis. Reimbursement is available for such training for three years from the date that a certified copy of the ordinance is filed with the Office.~~
- 4) ~~Individuals may receive reimbursement for training costs if employed by a unit of local government that participates for reimbursement and the individual is otherwise eligible. Such reimbursement is limited to out-of-pocket expenses not paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, by a local governmental agency.~~
- 5) ~~Individual firefighters and departments may participate in all aspects of the programs for certification without passage of a local governmental ordinance. The ordinance is required, however, to qualify an agency and its individual firefighters to receive reimbursement.~~
- 6) ~~The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, or the Civil Service Commission, or the local department of personnel or any other department or commission charged with the authority to make rules and regulations concerning Firefighter II certification must file with the Office a copy of its rules requiring certification prior to commencing regular employment as a firefighter. Any subsequent changes to the rules must be sent to the Office.~~
- b) ~~Facility Approval~~
- 1) ~~A training facility must have a Provisionally Approved Training Facility to offer Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator and all Awareness training. (See Section 141.100.)~~

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- 2) ~~A training facility must have an Unlimited Approved Training Facility to offer all other levels of training. (See Section 141.110.)~~
- 3) ~~A training facility must have a Facility Approval to operate as a regional training center.~~
- 4) ~~A training facility may use the facilities of a regional training center or the Illinois Fire Service Institute for approved firefighter training.~~
- e) ~~Instructor Certification. The Fire Service Instructors must meet the requirements of Section 141.115(e).~~
- d) ~~Course Approval. Courses must be approved in accordance with Section 141.115 of this Part.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.50 Appeal Process**

A written determination made by the Office under this Part may be appealed and such appeal shall be governed by 41 Ill. Adm. Code 210. To be valid, the appeal must be in writing and received at the Office at 1035 Stevenson Drive, Springfield Illinois, 62703, within 30 days after the date of the determination. ~~The appeal process for the Division will be governed by 41 Ill. Adm. Code 210.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.60 Reciprocity (Repealed)**

~~The Office will examine the certification credentials of individuals certified by other entities to determine which level of Illinois certification, if any, is applicable according to Section 141.120.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.65 Division of Personnel Standards (DPSE) WebAccess Portal**

- a) The DPSE WebAccess Portal is the web-based program that shall be utilized by the fire service to:

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- 1) participate in certification programs;
  - 2) review, revise and submit records; and
  - 3) print examination results and certifications.
- b) Training facilities and fire departments may utilize the DPSE WebAccess Portal to update facility and rostered fire service personnel's contact information and to submit certification program required documentation.
- c) Fire service personnel who are employed by a training facility and appear on that training facility's or fire department's roster shall register using the DPSE WebAccess Portal.
- 1) Registration shall be required prior to submission of request for examination and challenging State Written Examinations.
  - 2) Fire service personnel have the ability to review their records and print examination results and certifications.
- d) The fire chief shall be responsible for the issuance and revocation of permissions on the DPSE WebAccess Portal. Fire Department personnel who are granted applicable permissions may act as the fire chief's designee as it pertains to all aspects of the certification programs utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal.

(Source: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

## SUBPART B: TRAINING FACILITIES

**Section 141.100 ~~Resources Required for Certification as a Provisionally Approved Training Facility~~ Approval**

- a) To become a ~~Any~~ 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 ~~may, upon submitting an application and an inventory to the Office, be certified as an approved training facility for conducting training required by this Part.~~ 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

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denied.

- ba) A training facility shall have adequate resources available for conducting level specific training. ~~The administrator of a training facility may request, in writing, a re-evaluation of the facility's level of certification at any time. The Office will cause such a review to be conducted and, when justified, re-certify the facility at the appropriate level.~~
- b) Training facility requirements include: ~~A training facility at which all of the listed resources are not readily available may be certified as a Provisional Facility for conducting training in those subject areas for which adequate resources are available. Specific requirements for Provisional Facility approval are:~~
- 1) For courses at all certification levels: ~~A fire station that serves as a classroom or access to a classroom facility;~~
    - 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.
    - 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 in a peer setting. [50 ILCS 740/8(d)]. The provisions of the Illinois Mental Health First Aid Training Act [405 ILCS 105] can be found at: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=3506&ChapterID=34>

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- 2) For Basic Operations Firefighter and Advanced Technician Firefighter courses:~~A pumper apparatus equipped in accordance with NFPA 1901;~~
- 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 current set of applicable reference manuals;~~
- 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.
- 4) For a Structural Collapse Technician course, there shall be an area suitable



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~~for training in extensive shoring operations. Improve to provide all learning experiences required in the Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations, Fire Service Vehicle Operator and all Awareness courses; and~~

~~5) Keep the complete approved training records required by Section 141.115(g).~~

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;

B) Rope and webbing suitable for search and rescue operations in accordance with NFPA 1983;

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, Vehicle and Machinery Operations, Vehicle 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; and

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

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(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.110 Resources Required for Certification as an Unlimited Training Facility or Regional Training Center (Repealed)**

~~In order to qualify for Unlimited Facility Certification, a training facility must possess, or have readily available for use, the following facilities, apparatus, equipment, reference material, established records, procedures and staff:~~

- a) ~~Facilities~~
  - 1) ~~Training tower, not less than two stories in height, for use as a training structure for ladder evolutions, rescue drills, hose advancement and rope work;~~
  - 2) ~~Classroom with adequate environmental control and seating capacity for the anticipated trainee population (not adequate means obvious unsuitability, complaints received and other factors deemed relevant by the Office);~~
  - 3) ~~Foreible entry and ventilation drill facilities, including a means of providing the trainee an opportunity to practice opening a variety of doors, windows, roofs, floors and partitions that are representative of the type and construction found in the community;~~
  - 4) ~~A smoke and fire room or building suitable for containing, and equipped for simulating, fire atmospheres and conditions. Any or all of these facilities may be combined into one structure; and~~
  - 5) ~~Facilities for conducting live fire training (by permission and within restrictions of environmental control agencies and in accordance with NFPA 1403) and rescue that must include:~~
    - A) ~~Structural fires;~~
    - B) ~~Flammable liquid fires;~~
    - C) ~~LP and natural gas fires; and~~

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~~D) Automobile fires.~~

- ~~b) Apparatus  
Pumper apparatus, fully equipped as prescribed in NFPA 1901.~~
- ~~c) Equipment~~
- ~~1) All current types and classes of portable fire extinguishers;~~
  - ~~2) Forceful entry tools such as: pry axe, pick head axe, pike pole, wrecking bar, hatchet, wire and bolt cutters, claw and Kelly tool, crow bar, Halligan tool, manual and power saws and jacks;~~
  - ~~3) Ropes of assorted lengths, which can be used for rescue, rappelling and practicing knots and lashings;~~
  - ~~4) All equipment specified by NFPA 1901;~~
  - ~~5) Salvage and overhaul equipment, including covers, carry-alls, cleaning and patching equipment and sprinkler kits;~~
  - ~~6) Self-contained breathing equipment in sufficient numbers to enable each student to wear the equipment for at least the life of one canister or breathing air tank during his/her training;~~
  - ~~7) Standard first-aid supplies for the teaching of the Standard American Red Cross first-aid course or its equivalent;~~
  - ~~8) Electronic audio, video and projection equipment;~~
  - ~~9) Standard classroom equipment: chalk board, speaker's rostrum;~~
  - ~~10) Protective clothing, in accordance with NFPA 1971 (one full set for each student), including the structural helmet with a face shield. (Students should provide their own clothing while training at a facility other than their duty station);~~
  - ~~11) Any equipment needed to complete the subject objectives established by~~

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~~the Office; and~~

- ~~12) Other instructional aids as may be needed, such as cutaways of equipment, models, flip charts.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.115 Course Approval**

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

- a) ~~Fire Departments~~1) Fire departments must submit a A Course Approval will be granted to those facilities that possess the specific Training Facility approval as required in Section 141.100.~~Form every five years. New forms must be submitted if:~~
- ~~A) A new Fire Chief or Training Facility Director is employed; or~~
  - ~~B) Additional courses are added to the training schedule.~~
- ~~b2)~~ Training facilities shall submit the application for Course Approval 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.~~Forms are due January 1. The Office will not reimburse a department or trainee for a course until the course approval is renewed.~~
- ~~c3)~~ 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

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December 31 of the calendar year in which it expires. Prior to the expiration date of 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 within the 5-year cycle. The appropriate Training Facility Approval 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.
- e4) For each approved course, training facilities shall be~~fire departments are~~ required to submit a schedule of all courses to be~~being~~ conducted utilizing that Course Approval~~course approval~~. The schedule shall ~~must~~ be submitted using the DPSE~~PSE~~ WebAccess Portal Event Calendar ~~on-line system~~ no less than 2~~two~~ weeks prior to the first day of the course. ~~The PSE WebAccess on-line system can be accessed from the Division's internet home page at [www.sfm.illinois.gov/Fire-Service/Certification](http://www.sfm.illinois.gov/Fire-Service/Certification).~~ The information required consists of, ~~if applicable, is~~ the name of the training facility ~~fire department~~ with course approval, title of the approved course, location of the course, dates of classroom instruction, ~~date of practical examination, contact~~date of written examination, and name and contact information for the training facility, and if applicable, dates of examination~~of the instructor~~.
- 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 Section 141.115(g) for review by the Division. The 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;

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- 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;
  - 9) Fire Inspector I or II;
  - 10) Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I;
  - 11) Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist; or
  - 12) Fire Investigator.
- 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.

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- h) If the training facility revises a course curriculum or if the -course curriculum is revised due to a change in the applicable Standard or rules before the Course Approval cycle has expired, the course syllabi and content correlated to the respective Standard shall be resubmitted for approval.
- ~~b)~~ ~~Training Facilities~~
- ~~1)~~ ~~End of course examinations, course syllabi and content shall be correlated to the Office established objectives. A Course Approval Form must be submitted every five years, along with the following materials:~~
- ~~A)~~ ~~Appropriate course correlation form;~~
- ~~B)~~ ~~Syllabi and course content; end of course examination; name and credentials of instructor.~~
- ~~2)~~ ~~If the required course curriculum is changed due to a change in the applicable standards or rules before the course approval cycle has ended, the curriculum and end of course examinations for the course must be resubmitted for approval.~~
- ~~3)~~ ~~For each approved course, schools and academies are required to submit a schedule of all courses being conducted utilizing that course approval. The schedule must be submitted using the PSE WebAccess on line system no less than two weeks prior to the first day of course. The PSE WebAccess on line system can be accessed from the Division's internet home page at [www.sfm.illinois.gov/Fire-Service/Certification](http://www.sfm.illinois.gov/Fire-Service/Certification). The information required, if applicable, is the name of the facility with course approval, title of the approved course, location of the course, dates of classroom instruction, date of practical examination, date of written examination, and name and contact information of the instructor.~~
- i) ~~Instructor Requirements. Approval will be granted upon proof of the following: certification, experience, education and/or training indicating competence in the technical area to be taught. In making the determination of competency, the Division shall consider, but is not limited to, transcripts, certificates, job descriptions or other evidence of experience and training.~~



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- 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.
- ~~1) Instructor qualifications for Basic Operations Firefighter, Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations and Fire Service Vehicle Operator require certifications as Instructor I and the level being taught, except in specialty certifications where noted.~~
- ~~2) Instructor qualifications for all other certifications require certification as Instructor II and the level being taught, except in specialty certifications where noted.~~
- ~~3) Instructors of Arson Investigator courses must, in addition to meeting all other requirements of this Section, have demonstrated experience in education in the technical areas to be taught and must be approved by the Office and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board prior to the course offering.~~
- d) ~~When updating a certification program to a new edition of NFPA or updated reference materials as specified in the applicable certification program or any other reason, instructor quality is critical to the success of training. Due to the expanded skills in the courses, instructors should have to demonstrate competency, both written and practical, to teach a new course. The Division is committed to providing professional development to the instructors in this area by providing standardized measurable objectives and minimum course outline. For course quality reasons, only those instructors who can demonstrate knowledge of the course materials should be certified to teach the course. All job performance~~

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~~requirements for any level of fire service instructor shall be performed to a level of competence that shall be established by the authority having jurisdiction. The training facility shall:~~

- ~~1) Select instructors who have appropriate subject matter skill, knowledge and ability.~~
  - ~~2) Establish a policy and procedure that identifies and verifies the minimum experience and training requirements necessary to instruct a topic or subject matter.~~
- je) ~~Course Validation Attestation and course~~ completion rosters ~~shall~~must be submitted to the Division by the training facility, utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal, listing candidates ~~individuals~~ who successfully completed~~complete~~ courses. Candidates must complete 100% of the course requirements of the training facility to be eligible for inclusion on the course completion roster.
- kf) The Division ~~may reserves the right to~~ monitor, ~~and~~ evaluate and review all aspects of the delivery and record keeping of all approved courses for conformance with the requirements of this Part.
- l) Training facilities shall:
- 1) Provide records of student attendance (~~i.e.,~~ a minimum of 90% ~~attendance~~80% is required for each student seeking certification), and student evaluations of the course;
  - ~~2) Maintain all financial records for a minimum of 5 years after the conclusion of the course.~~
  - 23) Retain~~The length of time required to retain~~ training records in accordance with the applicable~~shall be determined by the~~ local government's~~government based on its~~ records retention schedule but, in no case, less than ~~but shall be retained for at least~~ 5 years for training record review~~audit~~ purposes; and.
  - 34) Retain~~Maintain~~ complete training facility student records of course completion and test scores for at least 5 years for training record review purposes.

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- A) ~~If a course involves college credit, the student's transcript is the complete student record.~~
- B) ~~If a course is non-credit, the training facility shall obtain a written student waiver of privacy and shall provide complete student records to the Division at the completion of the course.~~
- m.g) ~~Each training facility shall implement and follow an~~Records and Established Procedures. ~~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.~~that includes:
- 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;
    - 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;
    - B) Date of completion;

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C) Names and signatures of students; and

D) Names and signatures of instructors.

- 1) ~~Training records that reflect who was trained, objectives of subject taught referenced in the applicable NFPA standard, hours trained, by whom, how, when and where conducted.~~
- 2) ~~A system of evaluating the effectiveness of the class, the instructor and all participants, including:~~
  - A) ~~Testing technique utilized: oral, written, practical or combination; and~~
  - B) ~~Performance appraisal and evaluation, such as ranking, factor comparison, grading, graphic rating scale, checklist.~~
- 3) ~~Individual training records that show when each person began training in each subject area, the instructor to whom he/she is responsible, the objective of his/her training, intermediate goals, performance criteria, ultimate goal and estimated completion date.~~
- 4) ~~Records of Training. A training facility shall maintain and submit to the Division training records that contain the following:~~
  - A) ~~Location of training.~~
  - B) ~~Dates of training.~~
  - C) ~~Hours of training and hours trained.~~
  - D) ~~Name of instructor – printed and signature.~~
  - E) ~~Name of trainee – printed and signature.~~
  - F) ~~Academic/practical training record.~~
  - G) ~~Subject training record correlated to objectives.~~

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~~H) Receipts of training expenses.~~

~~I) Training facility documentation of training.~~

35) Computerized or web-based records of training shall include:-~~The Division accepts computerized training records as long as they are printed (individually for each student) and signed off by instructors and students at least once per month. This monthly printout must contain items listed in subsections (g)(4)(A) through (G) and be filed in the department at a location readily available for Division review.~~

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 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 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.

oh) The Division~~Office~~ may revoke Course Approvals~~course approvals~~ if a training facility violates any requirement~~an agency is found to be in violation~~ of Subpart B or Subpart C~~this Part~~. In determining whether to revoke, the Division~~Office~~ shall consider the seriousness and frequency of the offenses.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.120 Course ~~Approval~~ Equivalency**

Course equivalency may be granted to a candidate eligible to participate in the certification

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programs. Courses which do not ~~have~~having prior Division approval, but ~~which~~that correlate with the content areas of the required courses by meeting the requirements of this Section, ~~performance objectives required of~~ the applicable ~~NFPA-Standard~~standard and which conclude with an evaluation of the candidate's retention of course materials, may be granted course equivalency equivalent status by the Division. This course equivalency status indicates an approval~~The course must conclude with an evaluation of the individual's retention of course materials and will be approved~~ for certification purposes only, not for ~~training cost~~ reimbursement. ~~Equivalency for an approved course will be granted to an individual eligible to participate in the Division's certification programs pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, if the following conditions are met:~~

- a) To request a course equivalency, the candidate shall submit~~Submission of~~ a letter to the Division ~~by the individual~~ requesting course equivalency with attached proof of course completion from the entity where the non-approved course was taken. Proof of course~~Course~~ completions shall~~must~~ include the applicable referenced ~~NFPA-Standard~~standard for the course that was completed. Course equivalency shall~~will~~ be granted if the course is NFPA-compliant ~~with~~for the specific Standard referenced in the~~standard that references an~~ Illinois certification in Subpart D. If the course completion does not include the applicable referenced ~~NFPA-Standard~~standard, it ~~shall be~~is the responsibility of the ~~candidate~~individual to obtain a formal letter from the legal or administrative staff of the entity where the non-approved course was taken, stating the applicable ~~NFPA~~ Standard~~standard~~ that was referenced for the specific course. College catalog descriptions are not sufficient documentation for review.
- b) When a course is granted course equivalency, the ~~candidate~~ individual will be allowed to challenge the State ~~Written~~written and ~~Practical Examinations~~practical skills examinations one time. If passed on the first attempt and all certification prerequisites are met, the ~~candidate~~ individual will then be eligible for certification. Failure of either the ~~State Written~~written or ~~Practical Examination~~practical skills examination will invalidate the course equivalency status determination, ~~preclude the individual from being certified by the Division,~~ and require the ~~candidate~~ individual to successfully complete a Division~~the Office~~ approved certification course~~program~~ prior to challenging the State ~~Written~~written and ~~Practical Examination~~practical examinations a second time.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.125 Course Approval Standards (Repealed)**

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~~In determining whether to grant approval of courses, instructors, or tests, the Office will consider, but is not limited to, whether the applicant for approval:~~

- ~~a) Is prepared to maintain the records required by this Part.~~
- ~~b) Has appropriate staff, facilities and equipment to teach all required topics of the course.~~
- ~~c) Is prepared to utilize end-of-course testing methods approved by the Office in compliance with Section 141.230 of this Part.~~
- ~~d) Will utilize instructors approved by the Office under Section 141.115(c).~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

## SUBPART C: EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

**Section 141.200 State Examinations**

- ~~a) Except as otherwise noted in this Part, all State Written Examinations shall ~~written examinations will~~ be developed and, provided by the Division, and administered by approved testing facilities ~~Office personnel~~. The battery of State Written Examinations to be given shall be determined by the Division. ~~Local instructors desiring to schedule State examinations should contact the Office to establish a time and place for the examination. While the Office will endeavor to schedule examinations at sites throughout the State as requested, the number of examination requests may necessitate delays and regional testing. The training facility requesting the State examinations be given should have facilities for the examination.~~
  - 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.

~~When large numbers of persons are to be tested, Office personnel may request additional assistance of the facility or fire department in monitoring the administration of a test.~~

- a) ~~Class rooms, lecture rooms, municipal and fire protection department training rooms shall be acceptable facilities provided that space is available for the number of persons requesting to take the examination; desks or tables and chairs shall be provided by the examination center. The room in which the examination is to be given shall be a room customarily used for quiet activities and not subject to loud noise or other activities nearby that might interfere with taking the written examinations. Students must be spaced to ensure that they cannot readily observe another's answer sheet. The following specifications for the facility and the administration of the examination must be adhered to:~~
  - 1) ~~Candidates not present in the room at the time the proctor starts the examination will be disqualified from taking the examination.~~
  - 2) ~~There can be nothing on the walls at the test site that could pertain to examination questions.~~
  - 3) ~~The test administrator must be provided a table at least 6 feet in length.~~
  - 4) ~~Loudspeakers, monitors, portable radios, cell phones and pagers or other electronic devices must be turned off. Failure to do so shall result in immediate dismissal from the test area or the invalidation of any test results.~~
  - 5) ~~The department hosting the test must supply a representative from the department at the test site during the examination. This will be the only representative of the department allowed in the test room at the time of the test.~~



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- 6) ~~The test site must have toilet facilities in proximity in the same building.~~
- 7) ~~All candidates must be in clear view of the proctor's table.~~
- 8) ~~The test site must have temperature control for comfort of candidates.~~
- 3b) ~~Fire service-related~~ All State Written Examinations ~~written examinations~~ will require a 70% overall passing rate. In the case of State Written Modular Examinations ~~modular examinations~~, a 70% overall passing rate for each module is required.
- 4e) State Written Examination results shall be posted to the candidate's records and made available by accessing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. ~~The Division shall will be sent to the individual taking the examination through the employing fire department, the chief of the individual's fire department and, when applicable, the training facility that provided training. The Office will maintain these scores and may shall use them internally for statistical and/or employment purposes. Otherwise, the Office will not release the examination scores of any individual without the prior written approval of the individual.~~
- d) ~~State certifications for qualified fire service personnel may be awarded to individuals employed by local governmental agencies and fire brigades and to State of Illinois employees, after successful completion of all requirements. It is the responsibility of the Fire Chief, Chief Executive Officer or designee to sign off, verifying completion of all requirements, on all Requests for Examination and Applications for Certification/Validation Attestation. If the Fire Chief or Chief Executive Officer refuses to attest to the verification, the individual applying for certification may petition the office for a waiver by submitting in writing all pertinent facts. Upon investigation and verification by the Office, a waiver of attestation may be granted by the Director.~~
- e) ~~Prerequisites. A candidate for Firefighter II examination must be engaged in firefighting in an organized Illinois fire department as a fire protection person or trainee according to the Act as attested to by the employing Illinois Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 5f) Procedure to Request State Written ~~Administered Certification~~ Examination

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- ~~A1)~~ The training facility or fire department shall submit the completed Request for Examination utilizing the DPSE WebAccess Portal. ~~At least 30 days prior to the anticipated day for testing at a given training facility, the Office shall be in receipt of a completed form entitled Request for Examination, signed by the Fire Chief or training facility Director, or his/her designee, and the Certified Instructor that will~~
- B) The Request for Examination attests ~~attest to the fact~~ that each ~~candidate~~ ~~individual~~ has ~~a:~~ ~~A)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. ~~course required;~~
- ~~B)~~ ~~Satisfactory scores on all local examinations; and~~
- C) A Request for Examination includes: ~~Demonstrated the proficiency required by each skill requirement for the level of certification by having been observed and evaluated by a Certified Instructor (of the proper level) and an officer of the fire department or his/her designee in the accomplishment of these skills, and that local records are maintained that contain copies of the evaluator's checklists and evaluation sheets for each individual.~~
- i) Name of training facility submitting Request for Examination;
  - ii) Name of State Written Examination;
  - iii) Training facility with proper Course Approval;
  - iv) Fire Chief or Director's name;
  - v) Name of Qualified Instructor;
  - vi) Names of candidates; and

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- 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 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) 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.
- 2) ~~In the case of all State required practical examinations, Application for Certification/Validation Attestation must be submitted to the Division before certifications may be issued.~~
- g) ~~No person will be allowed to take the written examination for State certification without having completed all of the above requirements. End of course written examinations conducted by approved training facilities that show satisfactory~~

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~~completion of the learning experience requirements are acceptable.~~

- ~~Gh) Candidates~~Persons who have not met minimum requirements for a State Written Examination shall~~all prerequisites listed in subsection (c) will~~ not be examined, ~~nor will persons who are ill, persons on duty who may be called out during the examination, or persons obviously under the influence of drugs or alcohol. In making the determination of drug or alcohol impairment, the Office will consider, but is not limited to, observation of demeanor, slurred speech, odor of alcohol, general behavior and other considerations that would help in making the determination.~~
- H) Reasonable modifications to the practices or procedures for proctoring State Written Examinations, in accordance with 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 22/1] and in accordance with the Civil Administrative Code [201 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.
- i) ~~The proctor will not be permitted to discuss or answer questions regarding any questions on the examination. No one will be permitted to enter once the examination has started. Students are not permitted to have notes or reference material in their possession, including calculators and slide rules. The only paper allowed in the test center will be distributed in single sheets by the proctor~~

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~~according to the examination directions. There will be no scheduled breaks during examination. Persons should be advised at the beginning of the examination that no one will be allowed to leave the room before completing the examination except in an emergency, and then only one at a time. The examination begins after the proctor has read the instructions, at which time all discussion will cease. Candidates will not be permitted to speak to each other or to the proctor, and all instructions to the candidates contained in the proctor instructions will be followed. The proctor will begin the examination with the words "you may begin" and the examination will end with the proctor announcing "you are to stop now".~~

- ~~j) Results of examinations taken for the purpose of State certification will be retained in the Office. All participants who examine and receive certification will have notification sent to their employing department.~~

7k) Re-examination of State Written Examinations

~~A1) No candidate person shall be re-examined without further documented learning experiences in each of the failed subject areas.~~

~~B2) 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. The Request for Examination form contains an attestation that proof exists that the individual has had the required additional learning experience before re-examination.~~

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) All candidates shall be in clear view of the Qualified Instructor.
- 3) The proctor shall not be permitted to discuss or answer inquiries regarding skills required for the State Practical Examination.
- 4) State Practical Examination results shall be posted to the candidate's records and made available by accessing the DPSE WebAccess Portal.

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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) 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 demeanor, slurred speech, odor of alcohol, general behavior and other considerations that may aid in making the determination.
- ~~3) There is no limit set by the Office for the number of times that an individual may take the written or practical portion of a State certification examination, except when the examinations are allowed under Section 141.120.~~
- ~~4) The battery of examinations to be given will be determined by the Office.~~
- ~~5) State Practical Examinations skills examinations required by the Division Office for all certifications other than Basic Operations~~

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Firefighter ~~are II and III remain~~ valid for 12 months. If a ~~candidate an individual~~ has not passed the State Written Examination~~written examination~~ within 12 months after the State Practical Examination~~practical skills evolutions~~, the candidate ~~must will~~ be required to retake the State Practical Examination~~practical skills examinations~~. State Practical Examinations for Basic Operations Firefighter are valid for 5 years. If a candidate has not passed the State Written Examination within 5 years from the State Practical Examination date, the candidate must retake the State Practical Examination.

- 1) ~~Passing rate of the Fire Apparatus Engineer practical skills examinations is 70%.~~
- 62) The passing~~Passing~~ rate of all State Practical Examinations shall be ~~other practical skills examinations is~~ 100% and it shall be the responsibility of the qualified instructor to follow the Division's rules and assure accuracy of the skills.
- m) ~~State required practical skills evolutions for Firefighter II and III may be administered at any time during the course of training. It is the responsibility of the Certified Instructor to follow the Office's standards and assure currency of skills.~~
- 7n) If firefighters from a given fire department experience excessive or repeated failures of a State Written or Practical Examination~~firefighter examination~~, the fire chief~~Fire Chief~~ and appropriate officers of the department are encouraged to contact the Office for assistance.
- 8) Non-affiliated individuals may not challenge any State Written or Practical Examinations except as permitted under Section 141.215.
- 9) 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]
- o) ~~Certification will not be granted until the State written examination is successfully passed and the course completion documentation and the Application for Certification/Validation Attestation for the practical skills examinations is~~

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~~submitted to the Office.~~

- ~~p) If the completion of the State written examination is more than 10 years old and a certification was not awarded at the time even though all other prerequisites were met, the individual will be required to successfully complete the current State practical skills examinations. Certification will be awarded when receipt of passage for the current practical skills examinations is received.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.205 Testing Facilities and Proctors (Repealed)**

~~Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 141.200, State written examinations may be administered at approved testing facilities with adequate resources to offer the examinations. These facilities and proctors must meet the requirements of this Section.~~

- ~~a) The testing facility must be a training facility with the equipment, infrastructure and testing conditions required by Section 141.200.~~
- ~~b) Training facilities offering State written examinations will utilize approved proctors. Approved proctors will follow proctoring guidelines established by the Division and will participate in any required proctoring training developed and conducted by the Division.~~
- ~~e) Testing facilities must be able to ensure the security of written examination batteries. If a breach of the security of the examinations occurs, the Office may suspend, revoke or decline to renew the testing facility's course approval or facility approval.~~
- ~~d) Testing facilities must be able to ensure the confidentiality of personal information. If a breach of the security of personal information occurs, the Office may suspend, revoke or decline to renew the testing facility's course approval or facility approval.~~
- ~~e) The proctor is held responsible for ensuring the security of the examinations and confidentiality of personal information. The Office may suspend or revoke the proctor's approved status if a breach of security of the examinations or confidentiality of information occurs.~~



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- f) ~~In the event the Office discovers fraud, cheating or other conduct by the approved testing facility or approved proctor that is unethical or violates this Part, the Office may suspend testing at the approved testing facility and by the individual proctor, if applicable, for a period of one year. If the Office becomes aware of a second offense of fraud, cheating or other conduct by the certified training facility or approved proctor that is unethical or violates this Part, the Office will permanently bar testing privileges and testing activities at that facility and by that proctor at any facility.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.210 Invalidation of a Candidate's~~Student's~~ State Written or Practical Examination ~~Scores~~Score**

- a) ~~When the~~During a State Written Examination, if the vendor finds evidence of a candidate cheating or violating any requirements of this Part, the vendor~~examination proctor observes an individual looking at unauthorized notes or reference materials, obviously looking directly at another person's answer sheet or talking during the examination, or when an individual fails to follow the proctor's instructions prior to the examination, the proctor shall immediately end the candidate's examination and confiscate and invalidate the individual's examination.~~1) any unauthorized ~~note~~notes or reference materials. Evidence of cheating may include the following or similar activities:
- 1) Looking at unauthorized notes or reference materials;
  - 2) Obviously looking directly at another candidate's answers;
  - 3) Talking during the examination;
  - 4) Suspicious behavior relevant to alcohol or drug abuse; or
  - 5) Failing to follow the vendor's instructions prior to or during the examination.
- b2) The ~~vendor~~proctor shall submit a written ~~report~~explanation of the facts involved in the ~~incident and include~~invalidation of the student's examination with any confiscated materials to the ~~Office~~Division Manager of Personnel Standards and Education.

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- cb) Confiscated materials ~~shall~~will be retained by the Division~~Office~~.
- de) When the Division~~Office~~ determines that the evidence presented by the vendor is credible, the candidate's~~involved in the invalidation of an individual's~~ State Written Examination score shall be invalidated and a written notification shall be sent to the candidate and employing chief, which shall include~~examination is accurate, then:~~
- 1) A description of the incident;~~The individual will not be permitted to take another State examination for 120 days.~~
  - 2) Notification that the State Written Examination score was invalidated;~~and~~The Office shall inform the individual's Chief of the invalidation.
  - 3) A notice that the candidate is not permitted to challenge a State Written Examination for 120 days.
- e) The Division will review training records of training facilities and fire service personnel. In the course of reviewing training records, a candidate's State Written or Practical Examination scores shall be invalidated for causes including:
- 1) A State Practical Examination score was awarded based upon erroneous documentation in training records or erroneous documentation submitted to the Division;
  - 2) The training facility fails to maintain or produce the required training records;
  - 3) The instructor was not qualified at the appropriate certification level;
  - 4) The training facility did not possess valid training facility or course approval; or
  - 5) Other factors indicating a failure to meet the required examination standards.
- f) When the Division determines that evidence involved requires the invalidation of a candidate's State Written or Practical Examination score, the candidate's State

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Written or Practical Examination score shall be invalidated and a written notification shall be sent to the candidate, the candidate's employing chief and training facility, if applicable, which shall include:

- 1) Description of the incident; and
  - 2) Notification that the State Written or Practical Examination scores were invalidated.
- gd) Any ~~candidate~~**individual** whose State Written or Practical Examinations scores are invalidated~~examination paper is confiscated under subsection (a)~~ may request a hearing in accordance with~~within 20 days after the event. The hearings will be governed by~~ Section 141.50.
- e) ~~In case of a training facility's failure to maintain records of training and to produce those records before the individual takes the examination or claims reimbursement for training costs, the individual's exam grades for that subject will be invalidated.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**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 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

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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;
    - 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

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Operations Firefighter, 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 from the test start date to schedule their examination date. The test start date shall be submitted as part of the Request for Examination.
- 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).

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- 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 has not passed the State Written Examination within 5 years 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 has not passed the State Written Examination within 12 months from the State Practical Examination date, the non-affiliated individual must retake the State Practical Examination.
  - 4) If non-affiliated 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, non-affiliated individuals must meet the minimum requirements set forth in Section 141.200, except for the requirement to be engaged as fire service personnel. Non-affiliated individuals who do 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) Non-affiliated individuals who 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.

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- 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 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 applicable to the courses completed; and
  - 3) Specify that the recognition is not equivalent to OSFM Certification.
- q) A non-affiliated individual who becomes engaged as fire service personnel at

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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 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 Section 141.301 and 141.344.
- t) The process outlined in Section 141.255 for the invalidation of 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 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]

(Source: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.230 Examination Procedures for End-of-Course Examinations Not Administered by the Office (Repealed)**



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~~Certification of personnel is contingent upon the successful completion of competency-based examinations. Only those courses that conclude with a prescribed written, practical, or practice teaching examination, as required, will be approved. A minimum of one question per cognitive objective, but not fewer than 50 written examination questions is required at the end of the course. The end-of-course examination must be submitted to the Office, notated with the correct answer and correlated to both the applicable Office objective and reference source. Questions are to be developed by the training facility. All questions are to be keyed directly to the material contained in the course outline and should be constructed in such a manner as to test the student's knowledge and retention of the material to which the student has been exposed in the course. A 70% score is required to pass. Facility authorities are required to submit end-of-course examinations to the Office for approval, prior to administration. Any changes in approved examinations must be submitted to the Office for review and approval prior to administration. A current copy of each approved end-of-course examination will be kept on file at the Office. The Office reserves the right to rescind approval of any or all approved end-of-course examinations without recourse. Since the purpose of the written examination is to test retention, open book and other similar examinations are not acceptable. The end-of-course examinations must use objective test items and be kept secure.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.250 State Certifications**

- a) Qualified candidates for ~~certification~~**State Certification** shall be at least 18 years of age and meet one of the following employment prerequisites:
- 1) Engaged in firefighting in an organized Illinois fire department in accordance with the Act and attested by the candidate's employing ~~fire chief~~**fire chief**;
  - 2) Employed by a local governmental agency;
  - 3) Employed by a ~~facility~~ fire brigade;
  - 4) ~~Employee of the~~ **Employee of the** Office ~~employee~~; or
  - 5) 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~~**service organizations**.

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- b) Certifications ~~shall~~will be granted when all requirements for that level are met as provided in Subpart D. ~~It~~ shall be the responsibility of the candidate's employing ~~chief~~Fire Chief, or their designee, to verify and attest completion of all prerequisites set out in Subpart D prior to submitting an Application for Certification/~~Validation-Attestation~~ to the Division, utilizing the DPSE~~PSE~~ WebAccess Portal.
- 2) ~~If the Fire Chief refuses to attest, the candidate applying for certification may petition the Division for a waiver by submitting, in writing, all pertinent facts and documentation. Upon review and verification by the Division, a waiver of attestation may be granted by the Division.~~
- c) Employing departments of candidates receiving certification shall be sent~~will receive~~ electronic notification of the certification from the Division. The candidate can view and print their certification by utilizing the DPSE~~PSE~~ WebAccess Portal.
- d) ~~When a non-affiliated candidate completes an approved OSFM course, the course completion will be accepted by the Division once the candidate meets the employment requirement attested by an employing Fire Chief by adding the candidate to their roster utilizing the PSE WebAccess Portal.~~
- 1) ~~The candidate will be eligible to challenge the State Written and Practical Examinations after being added to the roster and registering on the PSE WebAccess Portal.~~
- 2) ~~Passed State Practical Examinations by a non-affiliated candidate will not be recognized by the Division. The candidate will be required to complete and pass the State Practical Examination when the candidate meets the employment requirement attested by the employing Fire Chief by adding the candidate to their roster utilizing the PSE WebAccess Portal.~~
- 3) ~~Certification will be granted when all requirements of this Section are met.~~
- de) The certification~~State Certification~~ program does not recognize certification levels as ranks due to the inconsistency of rank structures utilized by ~~local~~ fire departments throughout the State.

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- ef) Refer to Section 141.395 for clarification on how to utilize obsolete certifications as prerequisites for certifications and instructor qualifications.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.255 Invalidation of Candidate's State Certifications or Recertifications**

- a) A previously awarded certification may be invalidated when it is determined by the Division that one of the following has occurred:
- 1) A Certification was awarded based upon erroneous documentation in training records or erroneous documentation submitted to the Division; or
  - 2) Cheating on the State Written or Practical Examination; or
  - 3) Any other basis for invalidation as set out in Section 141.210.
- b) A previously awarded recertification may be invalidated when it is determined by the Division that a recertification was awarded based upon erroneous documentation. When it is determined that a certification is invalidated under subsection (a), all subsequent recertifications shall also be invalidated.
- c) When the Division determines that evidence of an occurrence listed in subsection (a) or (b) exists to invalidate a candidate's State Certification or Recertification, the Division shall:
- 1) Invalidate the specific certifications or recertifications involved in the occurrence;
  - 2) Provide written notification to all fire service personnel whose certifications or recertifications were invalidated and explanation of the situation and reasons for invalidation, including the right to appeal the invalidation and the procedure for appeal; and
  - 3) Provide written notification to the chiefs of all fire service personnel whose certifications or recertifications were invalidated and explanation of the situation and reasons for invalidation, including the right to appeal the invalidation and the procedure for appeal.

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- d) Records of invalidation of certifications or recertifications shall be retained by the Division, including all applicable documentation referencing the invalidation of the certification or recertification.
- e) Where certifications are invalidated, fire service personnel who meet the prerequisites set forth in Subpart D and requirements set forth in Section 141.250 may reapply for certification upon verification and attestation by the employing chief.
- f) Where recertifications are invalidated, fire service personnel who hold the certification and meet the prerequisites set forth in Section 141.390 may reapply for recertification upon verification and attestation by the employing chief.
- g) Any candidate whose certifications or recertifications are invalidated may request a hearing, in accordance with Section 141.50.

(Source: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

## SUBPART D: CERTIFICATION LEVELS

**Section 141.301 Basic Operations Firefighter**

- a) An Illinois Basic Operations Firefighter certification shall meet~~program meets~~ or exceed~~exceeds~~ the qualifications~~level~~ identified in NFPA 1001.
- ba) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~Successful completion of the Basic Operations Firefighter course that incorporates the NFPA objectives for Hazardous Materials Awareness and Technical Rescue Awareness.~~
  - 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;~~written examination.~~

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- ~~4) Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - ~~5) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - ~~46) Completion of the classroom portion for Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification;:-~~
  - ~~57) Completion of certification~~Certification requirements ~~completed~~ for Hazardous Materials ~~First Responder~~—Operations;:-
  - ~~68) Required~~Completion of a CPR/Basic First Aid course;:-~~Training documentation shall be kept in fire department training files.~~
  - ~~79) Required~~Completion of NIMS 100 and 700 courses;:-~~Training documentation shall be kept in fire department training files.~~
  - ~~810) Required completion~~Completion of the Courage To Be Safe course;:-~~Training documentation shall be kept in fire department training files.~~
  - 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
  - 11) Application for Certification.
- ~~c~~b) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Basic Operations Firefighter (see Subpart E).~~
- ~~d~~e) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~certified as a Fire Service Instructor I. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

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- ~~e~~d) 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.
- hf) Modular Training. ~~Basic Operations Firefighter training can be taken in a series of modules or as a complete course. The State written examination can be taken by module or by taking the complete examination.~~
- 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) Orientation;
- ii) Firefighter Safety;
- iii) Fire Department Communication;
- iv) Building Construction;
- v) Fire Behavior;
- vi) Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA);
- vii) Portable Fire Extinguishers; and
- viii) Ropes and Knots.
- B) Module B
- i) Search and Rescue and Firefighter Survival;

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- ii) Forcible Entry;
- iii) 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) 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.

~~g) As a duty function, members shall be responsible for maintaining proficiency in their skills and knowledge, and to avail themselves of the professional development provided to the members through training and education programs.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.302 Airport Firefighter**

a) An Illinois~~Professional qualifications for~~ Airport Firefighter certification shall

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~~meet or exceed the qualifications~~are identified in NFPA 1003. ~~The Illinois program does not recognize Airport Firefighter as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. The Office defines the Airport Firefighter as a certified individual who has the required airport fire protection and prevention experience.~~

ba) Prerequisites

- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
- 2) Current certification~~Certification~~ as Advanced Technician Firefighter;~~a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.~~
- 3) Successful completion of anthe Airport Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 40 instruction hours;
- 4) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations; and~~written examination.~~
- 4) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
- 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 5) Application for Certification~~Validation-Attestation.~~
- 7) ~~Credit for equivalent course may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~

cb) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for an Airport Firefighter (see Subpart E).~~

de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~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.



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- 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~~and facility~~ must be approved by the Division ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.303 Advanced Technician Firefighter**

- a) An Illinois Advanced Technician Firefighter certification~~program~~ shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~level~~ identified in NFPA 1001.
- ba) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.~~
  - 2) Current certification as Fire Service Vehicle Operator;~~Successful completion of the Advanced Technician Firefighter course.~~
  - 3) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;~~There shall be a minimum of 40 instructional hours to safely and successfully complete the Advanced Technician Firefighter course.~~
  - 4) Successful completion of an Advanced Technician Firefighter course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
  - 5) Passage of the State Written and State Practical Examinations;~~written examination.~~
  - 5) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~

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- 6) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 67) ~~Documentation~~ Attainment of a minimum of one year cumulative ~~3 years~~ 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;
- 8) ~~Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification.~~
- 9) ~~Vehicle and Machinery Operations certification.~~
- 810) Completion of Required NIMS 200 course; and ~~Training documentation shall be kept in fire department training files.~~
- 9) Application for Certification.
- ~~c~~b) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department. ~~Fire department or individual reimbursement may be received for training costs for Advanced Technician Firefighter (see Subpart E).~~
- ~~d~~e) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~ certified as Fire Instructor II. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- ~~e~~d) 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 ~~and facility~~ must be approved by the Division ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ~~g~~e) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

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- f) ~~Modular Training. Advanced Technician Firefighter training can be taken in a series of modules or as a complete course. The State written examination can be taken by module or by taking the complete examination.~~
- g) ~~Refresher Training. The Advanced Technician Firefighter is the senior technical level in the fire suppression career ladder and, therefore, is not required to progress to another level in order to maintain certification. In order to ensure that Advanced Technician personnel maintain their proficiency, they are encouraged to keep abreast of the state of the art by participating in refresher training reflecting applicable objectives.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.306 Fire Apparatus Engineer**

- a) ~~An Illinois~~The Fire Apparatus Engineer ~~certification shall~~program is designed to meet ~~a specialty need within the fire service. The designation equals or exceeds~~the ~~qualifications identified in~~requirements of NFPA 1002 ~~and NFPA 1500.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.
  - 2) ~~Current certification as Fire Service Vehicle Operator;~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.
  - 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Fire Apparatus Engineer course ~~consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours; of two modules: pumper operations and apparatus driving.~~
  - 4) Passage of the State ~~Written and State Practical Examinations; and~~written examination.
  - 5) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~

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- ~~6)~~ ~~Possession of the appropriate class of driver's license in accordance with the Illinois Vehicle Code [625 ILCS 5].~~
- ~~57)~~ ~~Application for Certification, Validation Attestation, which shall include driving validation by the employing Fire Chief that all practical driving skills as specified in NFPA 1002 have been taught.~~
- ~~c8)~~ Training documentation shall be ~~maintained~~kept in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department files.
- ~~b)~~ ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Apparatus Engineer (see Subpart E).~~
- ~~d)~~ A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~-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 Office ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ~~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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.308 Fire Officer I (Repealed)**

~~Professional qualifications for Fire Officer I are identified in NFPA 1021 (2003 edition). The Office does not recognize Fire Officer as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. The Office defines the Fire Officer I as an individual having the responsibilities of company officer. Individuals may certify as Fire Officer I until June 30, 2019, at which time the certification will no longer be issued and the individual will be required to successfully complete all the requirements, if he or she so desires, to qualify for certification as a Company Fire Officer.~~

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## a) Prerequisites

- 1) ~~Certification as Firefighter III or Advanced Technician Firefighter and as Fire Service Instructor I.~~
- 2) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 3) ~~Attainment of 4 years minimum current fire service experience in a fire department or as current full-time staff instructor of the Fire Service Institute.~~
- 4) ~~Successful completion of the required 3-semester credit (40 student-contact hours minimum) courses or equivalent (see Section 141.120). A course taken for certification credit of 40 student contact hours (minimum) can be used for only one area of career hierarchy.~~
- 5) ~~Passage of the required State-written examinations for the 3-semester credit courses.~~
- 6) Experience Requirements
  - A) ~~Candidates for Fire Officer I certification must have a minimum of one year current experience as a Provisional Fire Officer I (see subsection (a)(5)(B)) or Fire Officer I trainee. The Office defines a Fire Officer I trainee as a person possessing Firefighter III or Advanced Firefighter Technician certification assigned to supervise one or more companies (a company is a crew of fire protection personnel). The Certified Instructor and employing Fire Chief must document this current experience as a Provisional Fire Officer I or Fire Officer I trainee.~~
  - B) ~~Until such time as the experience requirement is satisfied, the Fire Officer I candidate will receive a certificate attesting to his/her Provisional Qualification as a Fire Officer I. Provisional Qualification can only be given after completion of all required courses. Provisionally qualified status allows the individual to participate in Fire Officer II courses and training. Provisionally~~

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~~qualified status does not certify the individual as a Fire Officer I.~~

- ~~C) For purposes of figuring the year of experience, the applicant must have been assigned to Fire Officer I duties at least 80% of the time based on a 120 workday period (i.e., 96 days of 120 days).~~
- ~~7) Application for Certification/Validation Attestation.~~
- ~~b) Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Officer I (see Subpart E).~~
- ~~e) Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- ~~d) A qualified instructor for this level must be a certified Fire Service Instructor II.~~
- ~~e) The course and facility must be approved by the Division in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- ~~f) Exception to Experience Requirements During Transition to Company Fire Officer. A qualified individual who has completed the course requirements for Fire Officer I, but has not attained the experience requirements of subsection (a)(6), may complete the Phase 3 Task Book for Company Fire Officer provided in Section 141.309(a)(4)(D) in lieu of the experience requirement to receive Fire Officer I certification prior to June 30, 2019.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**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~~ **Fire Chief** of the candidate seeking certification~~;~~
  - 2) Current certification as Advanced Technician Firefighter~~;~~

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- 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.
  - B) The qualified instructor and employing fire chief~~Fire Chief~~ shall document the completion of the Task Book.

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- C) If the Task Book is not completed within 3 years, the candidate ~~shall~~will be required to retake all Phases prior to certification.
- 7) Documentation of a minimum of 4 cumulative years of ~~cumulative~~ fire service experience; ~~and~~;
- 8) Application for Certification ~~Validation Attestation~~.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing individual's fire department ~~training records~~.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~shall be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Company Fire Officer.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for ~~a~~ 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~~shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B~~.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of, ~~in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.
- h) Exception to Prerequisites. If fire service personnel were ~~an individual was~~ previously certified as ~~a~~ Fire Officer I, then fire service personnel who meet the requirements of subsections (b)(1), (2), (3), (7), and (8) ~~the individual~~ must pass the Company Fire Officer State Written Examination and complete the ~~Phase 3~~ Task Book to be issued a Company Fire Officer certification.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.310 Fire Service Executive Support**

- a) An Illinois ~~Professional qualifications for~~ Fire Service Executive Support certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications ~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1021.



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~~The Office recognizes the level of Fire Service Executive Support for those individuals who perform administrative duties in support of fire departments.~~

- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~Attainment of 3 years minimum experience in a fire department.~~
  - 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;~~Validation of skills, completed and attested to by the employing Fire Chief/Administrator and submitted to the Division.~~
  - 4) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire service experience; and
- 54) Application for Certification~~Validation-Attestation.~~
- cb) 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 ~~a~~-certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Service Executive Support.
- ee) 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~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.312 Fire Department Incident Safety Officer**

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- a) An Illinois~~Professional Qualifications for~~ Fire Department Incident Safety Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications ~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1521. ~~Fire Department Incident Safety Officer is defined as an individual appointed to respond to or assigned at an incident scene by the incident commander to perform the duties and responsibilities as designated in this standard and NFPA 1500, whose duties entail promotion of the incident action plan, including the overall incident strategy, tactics, risk management, and member safety. This individual can also be the health and safety officer or it can be a separate function.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification~~Certification as a Fire Officer I or~~ Company Fire Officer~~;~~:-
  - 3) Successful completion of a~~the~~ Fire Department Incident Safety Officer course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;:-
  - 3) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - 4) Passage of the State Written Examination; and~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Application for Certification~~/Validation-Attestation.~~
- cb) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Fire Department Incident Safety Officer (see Subpart E).~~
- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~-certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Department Incident Safety Officer.
- ed) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Department Incident Safety Officer 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 ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for equivalent courses ~~will~~ may be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.313 Fire Department Health and Safety Officer**

- a) An Illinois ~~The~~ Fire Department Health and Safety Officer shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified ~~is defined as an individual assigned and authorized by the Fire Chief as the manager of the safety and health program. The professional qualifications for the Fire Department Health and Safety Officer are designated in NFPA 1521 and NFPA 1500 and include risk management, safety program development, and pre and post incident safety, program evaluation and information management.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification ~~Certification as a Fire Officer I or Company Fire Officer;~~
  - 3) ~~Successful completion of a minimum of 40 instructional hours.~~
  - 4) Passage of the State Written Examination; and ~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Application for Certification ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~

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- ~~cb)~~ Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department. ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Fire Department Incident Safety Officer (see Subpart E).~~
- ~~de)~~ A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a-~~certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Department Health and Safety Officer.
- ~~e)~~ Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Department Health and Safety Officer as provided in Subpart E.
- ~~fd)~~ 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 ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- ~~ge)~~ Credit for equivalent courses ~~will~~may be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.314 Fire Officer II (Repealed)**

~~Professional qualifications for Fire Officer II are identified in NFPA 1021 (2003 edition). The Office does not recognize Fire Officer as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. Individuals may certify as Fire Officer II until June 30, 2019, at which time the certification will no longer be issued and the individual will be required to successfully complete the requirements, if he or she so desires, to qualify for certification as an Advanced Fire Officer. The Office defines Fire Officer II as an individual having the responsibilities above company officer, but less than the responsibilities of the Fire Administrator, Fire Chief, head of the department, etc.~~

- a) Prerequisites
- ~~1) Certification as a Fire Officer I and as a Fire Service Instructor II.~~
  - ~~2) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~

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- 3) ~~Attainment of 5 years minimum current fire service experience in a fire department or as a current fulltime staff instructor of the Fire Service Institute.~~
- 4) ~~Successful completion of the identified 3 semester credit courses (40 student contact hours minimum) or equivalent, according to Section 141.120. A course taken for certification credit of 40 student contact hours (minimum) can be used for only one area in the career hierarchy.~~
- 5) ~~Passage of the required State written examinations for the 3 semester credit courses.~~
- 6) ~~Experience Requirements~~
  - A) ~~Candidates for Fire Officer II certification must have a minimum of one year current experience as a Provisional Fire Officer II (see subsection (a)(5)(B)) or a Fire Officer II trainee. The Office defines a Fire Officer II trainee as an individual possessing Fire Officer I certification assigned to Fire Officer II duties. The Certified Instructor and Fire Chief must document this current experience as a Provisional Fire Officer II or Fire Officer II trainee.~~
  - B) ~~Until such time as the experience requirement is met, the Fire Officer II candidate will receive a certificate attesting to his/her Provisional Qualification as a Fire Officer II. Provisionally qualified status allows the individual to participate in Fire Officer III courses. Provisionally qualified status does not certify the individual as a Fire Officer II. Provisional Qualification can only be given after completion of all required courses.~~
  - C) ~~An individual must be a certified Fire Officer I to receive a Provisional Fire Officer II certification.~~
  - D) ~~For purposes of figuring the year of experience, the applicant must have been assigned to Fire Officer II duties at least 80% of the time based on a 120 workday period (i.e., 96 days of 120 days).~~
- 7) ~~Application for Certification/Validation Attestation.~~

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- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Officer II (see Subpart E).~~
- e) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- d) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be a certified Fire Service Instructor II.~~
- e) ~~The course and facility must be approved by the Division as specified in Subpart B.~~
- f) ~~Exception to Experience Requirements During Transition to Advanced Fire Officer. A qualified individual who has completed the course requirements for Fire Officer II, but has not attained the experience requirements of subsection (a)(6), may complete the Phase 3 Task Book for Advanced Company Officer (see Section 141.315(a)(4)(D)) in lieu of the experience requirement to receive Fire Officer II certification prior to June 30, 2019.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.315 Advanced Fire Officer**

- 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~~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~~Required completion~~ of the NIMS 800 course~~;~~

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- 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 Officer course, the candidate ~~must~~~~will be required to~~ 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~~~~Fire Chief~~ shall document the completion of the Task Book.
  - C) If the Task Book is not completed within 3 years, the candidate ~~shall~~~~will~~ be required to retake all Phases prior to certification.

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- 9) Documentation of a minimum of 5 ~~years of~~ cumulative years of fire service experience; ~~and-~~
- 10) Application for Certification ~~Validation-Attestation.~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing individual's fire department ~~training records.~~
- d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~shall 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~~shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for equivalent courses ~~will~~may be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.
- h) Exception to Prerequisites. If fire service personnel were ~~an individual was~~ previously certified as a Fire Officer II, fire service personnel who meet the requirements of subsections (b)(1) through (5), (9) and (10) shall ~~the individual must~~ pass the Advanced Fire Officer State Written Examination and complete the ~~Phase 3~~ Task Book to be issued an Advanced Fire Officer certification.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.316 Chief Fire Officer**

- a) An Illinois Chief Fire Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications ~~Professional qualifications for the Chief Fire Officer certification are~~ identified in NFPA 1021. ~~The Office does not recognize Fire Officer as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. The Office identifies the Chief Fire Officer as an individual who has administrative responsibilities, the authority to affect practices, policies and procedures of the~~



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~~department, and is, or reports directly to, the Fire Chief, Fire Administrator or head of department.~~

ba) 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  
~~Certified as a Fire Officer II or Advanced Fire Officer.~~
- 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 their highest degree or transcripts;
  - D) Copy of their Advanced Fire Officer certification;
  - E) Copies of 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

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- 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.
- ~~2) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- ~~3) Attainment of ten years minimum fire service experience in a fire department.~~
- ~~4) Successful completion of the Chief Fire Officer required courses.~~
- ~~5) Experience Requirements~~
- ~~A) The applicant must have current experience in performing command level duties for a minimum of 5 years to be certified. Individuals applying with prior experience shall be evaluated individually.~~
- ~~B) Documentation of work experience as a Chief Fire Officer or Provisional Chief Fire Officer must be provided in the application for certification.~~
- ~~i) The documentation of work experience related to objectives shall include completion of an application for certification that provides proof of the required command~~

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~~level experience and submittal of supporting documentation, including, but not limited to: a current resume, organizational chart, position description, college degrees, transcripts and letters of reference.~~

- ~~ii) The application for certification must 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).~~
- ~~C) Until such time as the experience requirement is met, the Chief Fire Officer candidate will receive a certificate attesting to his/her Provisional Qualification as a Chief Fire Officer. Provisionally qualified status does not certify the individual as a Chief Fire Officer. Provisional qualification can only be given after completion of all formal courses.~~
- ~~D) A person possessing a certificate as a Provisional Fire Officer II may take and be reimbursed for Fire Officer III courses (see Subpart E). However, an individual must be certified as a Fire Officer II to receive Provisional Fire Officer III certification.~~
- ~~6) Application for certification and documentation of work experience.~~
- 8b) Passage of the State [Written Examination](#); ~~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 receiving certification;](#)

- 9) [Phase 3: Submission of a completed task book for certification. The task book for certification shall be signed by the fire chief or, in the case of the](#)

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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 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.
- 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:
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Chief Fire Officer (see Subpart E).~~
- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a-~~certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Chief Fire Officer.:
- 1) ~~Fire Service Instructor II; and~~
- 2) ~~Fire Officer III or 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~~as specified in Subpart B.~~
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.317 Fire Department Safety Officer**

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- a) ~~An Illinois~~The Fire Department Safety Officer ~~is a certification~~ shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~granted to qualified individuals who have attained certification as both a Fire Department Incident Safety Officer and a Fire Department Health and Safety Officer. The professional qualifications for the Fire Department Safety Officer are designated in NFPA 1521. The prerequisites for Fire Department Safety Officer are:~~
- a) ~~Certification as a Fire Department Incident Safety Officer and Fire Department Health and Safety Officer.~~
- b) Prerequisites:
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested ~~to~~ by the employing ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief of the ~~candidate~~individual seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification as Fire Department Incident Safety Officer;
  - 3) Current certification as Fire Department Health and Safety Officer; 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 Fire Department Safety 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.318 Fire Service Instructor I**

- a) ~~An Illinois~~~~Professional qualifications for~~ Fire Service Instructor I certification shall meet or exceed the qualificationsare identified in NFPA 1041. ~~Fire Service Instructor I is defined as an instructor who has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to deliver instruction effectively from a prepared lesson plan, including~~

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~~instructional aids and evaluation instruments; adapt lesson plans to the unique requirements of the students and authority having jurisdiction; organize the learning environment so that learning is maximized; and meet the record keeping requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.~~

ba) Prerequisites

- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
- 2) Current certification~~Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter;~~
- 2) ~~Attainment of 3 years of documented cumulative fire service experience in a fire department.~~
- 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Fire Service Instructor I course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
- 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;~~written examination.~~
- 5) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire service experience; and~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 6) Application for Certification.

c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Service Instructor I (see Subpart E).~~

de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~certified as Fire Service Instructor II.

e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs

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for a Fire Service Instructor I as provided in Subpart E.

- d) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- e) 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 ~~as specified in Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for equivalent courses will be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120.
- hf) Fire service personnel that provide proof of a valid and current Professional Educator License issued pursuant to Article 21B of the School Code [105 ILCS 5], and in compliance with any rules adopted by the State Board of Education regarding licensure, shall be deemed to have successfully completed the Fire Service Instructor I and II course and passed the State Written and Practical Examinations for Fire Service Instructor I and II. Fire service personnel must submit to the Division, in writing, a request to update training records and attach proof of the Professional Educator License. Once confirmed by the Division, the fire service personnel's training records will be updated.~~State Professional Educator Preparation and Licensure Board Equivalency. A valid State Professional Educator License is deemed equivalent to the Fire Service Instructor I and II course and State written examinations. An individual must submit in writing a request for equivalency and attach a copy of the State Professional Educator License. Once approved by the Division, the individual's records will be updated.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.320 Fire Service Instructor II**

- a) An Illinois~~Professional qualifications for~~ Fire Service Instructor II certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1041. ~~The Illinois program does not recognize Fire Service Instructor as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. Fire Service Instructor II is a fire service instructor who, in addition to meeting Fire Service Instructor I qualifications, has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to coordinate other instructors and who is capable of using a variety of teaching~~

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~~strategies to develop lesson plans and instructional aids based on a task analysis.~~

ba) Prerequisites

- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification~~Certification as a Firefighter III or~~ Advanced Technician Firefighter;
  - 3) Current certification as ~~and~~ Fire Service Instructor I;-
  - 2) ~~Attained 5 years of documented fire service experience in a fire department.~~
  - 43) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Fire Service Instructor II course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;-
  - 54) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;~~written examination.~~
  - 65) Documentation of a minimum of 5 cumulative years of fire service experience; and~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - 76) Application for Certification, State Professional Educator Preparation and Licensure Board Equivalency. ~~A valid State Professional Educator License is deemed equivalent to the Fire Service Instructor I and II course and State written examinations. An individual must submit in writing a request for equivalency and attach a copy of the State Professional Educator License. Once approved by the Division, the individual's records will be updated.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Service Instructor II (see Subpart E).~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.



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- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a-certified~~ as Fire Service Instructor II.
- e) Fire Department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Service Instructor II as provided in Subpart E.
- fd) 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 ~~as specified in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.
- h) Fire service personnel that provide proof of a valid and current Professional Educator License issued pursuant to Article 21B of the School Code [105 ILCS 5], and in compliance with any rules adopted by the State Board of Education regarding licensure, shall be deemed to have successfully completed the Fire Service Instructor I and II course and passed the State Written and Practical Examinations for Fire Service Instructor I and II. Fire service personnel must submit to the Division, in writing, a request to update training records and attach proof of the Professional Educator License. Once confirmed by the Division, the fire service personnel's training records will be updated.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.322 Fire Service Instructor III**

- a) An Illinois Professional qualifications for Fire Service Instructor III certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications ~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1041. ~~The Division does not recognize Fire Service Instructor as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. The Fire Service Instructor III is an individual serving in a fire department or allied field agency who, in addition to meeting Fire Service Instructor II qualifications, has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to develop comprehensive training curricula and programs for use by single or multiple organizations; conduct organization needs analysis; and develop training goals and implementation strategies.~~

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- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current Certification~~Certification~~ as ~~a~~ Fire Service Instructor II~~;~~
  - ~~2) Attained a minimum of 3 years in the capacity of a Fire Service Instructor.~~
  - 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Fire Service Instructor III course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of experience as a Fire Service Instructor; and~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - 6) Application for Certification.
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Fire Service Instructor III (see Subpart E).~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~certified as Fire Service Instructor III~~H~~.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Service Instructor III as provided in Subpart E.
- ~~d) Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- fe) 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~~as specified in Subpart B.~~

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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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.324 Training Program Manager**

- a) An Illinois~~Professional qualifications for a~~ Training Program Manager certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1041. ~~The Office does not recognize Training Program Manager as a rank because it is not possible to ensure that every rank used by local fire or allied field agencies to identify employees would be consistent throughout the State. The Training Program Manager is a certified individual serving in a fire department or allied field agency who, in addition to meeting Fire Service Instructor II qualifications, has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to administer and manage a fire service training program, including budget preparation, personnel management, maintenance of positive public relations and organizational goal setting.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification~~Certification~~ as a Fire Service Instructor II;-
  - 2) ~~Attained a minimum of 5 years in the capacity of a Fire Service Instructor II or training officer.~~
  - 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Training Program Manager course consisting of a minimum of 24 instructional hours;-
  - 4) Passage of the State Written Examinations;~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of experience beginning from Fire Service Instructor II certification date; and
  - 6) Application for Certification.~~Validation Attestation.~~

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- ~~6) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Training Program Manager (see Subpart E).
- 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 ~~a~~-certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Training Program Manager.
- ~~d) Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Training Program Manager 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 ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.326 Basic Fire Prevention Officer**

- a) An Illinois~~A~~ Basic Fire Prevention Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1031 and NFPA 1035.~~is a person serving in a fire department or allied field agency whose primary duties are fire and life safety inspections of a variety of structures, reporting inspection results of fire safety conditions, and performing basic fire prevention education activities.~~
- ~~ba)~~ 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;

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- 2) Current Certification as ~~a~~-Fire Inspector I<sub>1</sub>:-
  - 32) Current Certification as ~~a~~-Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I<sub>1</sub>:-
  - 43) Documentation~~Attainment~~ 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.
- db) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~-certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Basic Fire Prevention Officer.∴
- 1) ~~Fire Service Instructor II; and~~
  - 2) ~~Fire Prevention Officer or 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.327 Fire Inspector I**

- a) An Illinois Fire Inspector I certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1031.
- b) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel or employed by a local governmental agency, as attested by the fire chief~~Fire Chief~~ of the candidate seeking certification<sub>1</sub>:-
  - 2) Successful completion of a Fire Inspector I course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours<sub>1</sub>:-

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- 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;:-
  - 4) Documentation of a minimum of one ~~year of~~ cumulative year of; fire prevention and inspection activity; ~~and~~;
  - 5) Application for Certification ~~Validation-Attestation~~.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing~~individual's fire~~ department ~~training records~~.
  - d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~shall 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~~shall be approved by the Division ~~as provided in Subpart B~~.
  - g) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.328 Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist**

- a) An Illinois~~Professional qualifications for a~~ Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1035. ~~A Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist is an individual who has the knowledge, skills and responsibility to serve in a fire department or allied field agency to facilitate case management of identified youth firesetters for assessment, education and referral purposes.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
  - 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;

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- 2) Successful completion of ~~at the~~ Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist course consisting of a minimum of 12 instructional hours:-
- 3) Passage~~Successful completion~~ of the State Written Examination; ~~and written examination~~.
- 4) Application for Certification.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- ~~db~~) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~-certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist.
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist as provided in Subpart E.
- ~~e~~) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120~~.
- ~~fd~~) 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 ~~in accordance with Subpart B~~.
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.329 Fire Inspector II**

- a) An Illinois~~The Fire Inspector II certification is designed to provide an individual serving in a fire department or allied field agency an intermediate level of knowledge and requisite skills to conduct advanced fire and life safety inspections in a variety of structures with the ability to appropriately report those findings and accurately interpret codes and standards defined by~~ shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1031.
- ~~ba~~) 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~~Certification~~ as Fire Inspector I; ~~or Fire Prevention Officer.~~
  - 2) ~~Attainment of a minimum of 3 years inspectional activity in fire prevention.~~
  - 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Fire Inspector II course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;:-
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations;~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Documentation of a minimum of 3 cumulative years of fire prevention and inspection activity; and~~Passage of the State practical skills examination.~~
  - 6) Application for Certification.
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Fire Inspector II (see Subpart E).~~
- 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:~~1)a certified~~ as Fire Service Instructor II; and ~~2)a certified A) Fire Inspector II; or B)Advanced Fire Prevention Officer; or C)Fire Inspector III and Plans Examiner II.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Fire Inspector II as provided in Subpart E.
- f) ~~d~~ 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 ~~as specified in Subpart B.~~



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- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.330 Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I**

- a) An Illinois~~Professional qualifications for~~ Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~are~~ identified in NFPA 1035. ~~A Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I is an individual serving in a fire department or allied field agency with primary responsibility for the development and dissemination of fire prevention education materials and programs.~~
- ba) 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;~~Attainment of a minimum of one year of fire prevention experience.~~
  - 2) Successful completion of a~~the~~ 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;~~written examination.~~
  - 4) Documentation of a minimum of one cumulative year of fire prevention experience; and
  - 5) Application for Certification.
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I (see Subpart E).~~
- e) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training

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records at the employing department.

- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be: ~~1) a certified as Fire Service Instructor II; and Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I~~ ~~2) a certified: A) Fire Prevention Officer; or B) Basic Fire Prevention Officer.~~
- 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 ~~as specified in Subpart B.~~
- 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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.331 Advanced Fire Prevention Officer**

- a) An Illinois Advanced Fire Prevention Officer certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1031 and NFPA 1035. ~~is an individual serving in a fire department or allied field agency whose primary duties are inspections of a variety of structures, reporting inspection results of fire safety conditions, and performing advanced fire prevention education activities.~~
- ba) 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 ~~Certification~~ as ~~a~~ Basic Fire Prevention Officer; ~~or~~ ~~Fire Prevention Officer.~~
  - 3) Current certification ~~Certification~~ as ~~a~~ Fire Inspector II; ~~or~~
  - 4) Current certification as Public and Life Safety Educator I;

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- 53) ~~Successful Course~~ completion of an approved Plans Examiner course; ~~Training documentation shall be kept in fire department training files.~~
- 64) ~~Documentation Attainment~~ 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.
- ~~db~~) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~-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 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**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~~Employed~~ by a local governmental agency or the Office, as attested by the chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Successful completion of a Fire Investigator course consisting of a minimum of 120 total instructional hours. The course shall be offered in 3 modules. Each module shall consist of a minimum of 40 instructional hours per module; ~~and~~
  - 3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and ~~and~~
  - 4) Application for Certification ~~Validation Attestation.~~

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- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing individual's fire department training records.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~ shall 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~~ shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of Section 141.120, ~~available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.336 Arson Investigator**

- 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 ~~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 141.334);
  - 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 ~~Validation Attestation.~~

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- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing individual's department ~~training records~~.
- d) A qualified instructor ~~must~~shall 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~~shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B~~.
- g) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be approved by the Division in accordance with Section 141.120.~~

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.344 Hazardous Materials Operations**

- a) An Illinois Hazardous Materials Operations certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in NFPA 1072.
- b) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing ~~fire chief~~Fire Chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~;~~
  - 2) Current certification as Basic Operations Firefighter;~~;~~
  - 3) Successful completion of a Hazardous Materials Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;~~;~~
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and~~;~~
  - 5) Application for Certification ~~Validation-Attestation~~.

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- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing individual's fire department ~~training records~~.
- d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~shall 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~~shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B~~.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.346 Hazardous Materials Technician**

- a) ~~An Illinois Hazardous Materials Technicians are individuals who respond to releases or potential releases for the purpose of stopping the release or performing rescues. Professional qualifications for Hazardous Materials Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications~~ are identified in NFPA ~~1072~~472. ~~Individuals may certify as Hazardous Materials Technician A and B until June 30, 2019, at which time the certification will no longer be issued, and the individual will be required to successfully complete the requirements, if he or she so desires, to qualify for certification as a Hazardous Materials Technician.~~
- a) ~~Prerequisites—Hazardous Materials Technician A~~
- 1) ~~Certification as a Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations.~~
  - 2) ~~Successful completion of the Hazardous Materials Technician A course.~~
  - 3) ~~Passage of the State written examination.~~

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- 4) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - 6) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be:~~
    - A) ~~a certified Fire Service Instructor II; and~~
    - B) ~~a certified:~~
      - i) ~~Hazardous Materials Technician A; or~~
      - ii) ~~Hazardous Materials Technician B; or~~
      - iii) ~~Hazardous Materials Technician.~~
- b) ~~Prerequisites—Hazardous Materials Technician B~~
- 1) ~~Certification as a Hazardous Materials Technician A.~~
  - 2) ~~Successful completion of the Hazardous Materials Technician B course.~~
  - 3) ~~Passage of the State written examination.~~
  - 4) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examination.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
  - 6) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be:~~
    - A) ~~a certified Fire Service Instructor II; and~~
    - B) ~~a certified:~~
      - i) ~~Hazardous Materials Technician B; or~~
      - ii) ~~Hazardous Materials Technician.~~

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- be) Prerequisites—~~Hazardous Materials Technician~~
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification as~~Certification as a~~ Hazardous Materials ~~First Responder—Operations;~~
  - 3) Successful completion of a~~the~~ Hazardous Materials Technician course consisting of a minimum of 80 instructional hours;
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and~~written examination-~~
  - 5) Application for Certification~~Passage of the State practical skills examination.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- d6) A qualified instructor for this level must be:~~A) a certified~~ as Fire Service Instructor II; and ~~B) a certified;~~ i) Hazardous Materials Technician B; or ii) Hazardous Materials Technician. There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- ed) Fire department or individual reimbursement~~Reimbursement~~ may be available~~received~~ for training costs for ~~a Hazardous Materials Technician A, Hazardous Materials Technician B and~~ Hazardous Materials Technician as provided in~~(see~~ Subpart E).
- fe) 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~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- gf) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~



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(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.348 Hazardous Materials Incident Command (Repealed)**

~~Hazardous Materials Incident Command is designed for the training of Certified Hazardous Materials First Responders and Technicians to manage a hazardous materials emergency incident. Professional qualifications for Incident Command are identified in NFPA 472.~~

- a) ~~Prerequisites~~
  - 1) ~~Certification as a Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations.~~
  - 2) ~~Successful completion of the Hazardous Materials Incident Command course consisting of a minimum of 16 instructional hours.~~
  - 3) ~~Passage of the State written examination.~~
  - 4) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examination.~~
  - 5) ~~Application for Certification/Validation Attestation.~~
  - 6) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Hazardous Materials Incident Command (see Subpart E).~~
- c) ~~A qualified instructor for this level must be a certified Fire Service Instructor II and a certified Hazardous Materials Incident Command.~~
- d) ~~The course and facility must be approved by the Division as provided in Subpart B.~~
- e) ~~Credit for equivalent courses may be available in accordance with Section 141.120.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Section 141.352 ~~Rescue Specialist—~~Confined Space Operations**

- a) An Illinois ~~Rescue Specialist—~~Confined Space Operations certification shall meet or exceed the level identified in NFPA 1006. ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform confined space rescues.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification ~~Certification as a Rescue Specialist—Vertical I or Rope Operations;~~
  - 3) Successful completion of a ~~the Rescue Specialist—~~Confined Space Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours; ~~Prerequisite for taking the course is successful completion of the Rescue Specialist—Vertical I or Rope Operations course.~~
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and ~~written examination.~~
  - 5) Application for Certification. ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for a Rescue Specialist—Confined Space (see Subpart E).~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~ certified as Fire Service Instructor II and ~~a certified Rescue Specialist—~~Confined Space Operations. ~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for

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~~every~~ ~~each~~ 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be certified Fire Service Instructor I and a certified Rescue Specialist—Confined Space.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Confined Space 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~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.353 Confined Space Technician**

- a) An Illinois Confined Space 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 Confined Space Operations;
  - 3) Successful completion of a Confined Space Technician course consisting of a minimum of 24 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.

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- d) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Confined Space 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 Confined Space 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: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.354 Trench Operations**

- a) An Illinois Trench Operations certification shall meet or exceed the level identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform trench stabilization, shoring equipment placement, and excavation and freeing of the victim from engulfment, as defined by NFPA 10061670.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification; ~~Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.~~
  - 2) Current certification as Rope Operations;
  - 3) Successful completion of ~~a~~the Trench Operations course consisting of a minimum of 32 instructional hours; ~~;~~
  - 4) Passage of the State ~~Written and Practical Examinations~~written examination. ~~4)Passage of the State Practical Examinations shall include~~practical skills examinations and participation as a rescue team member in at least one live trench scenario; ~~and;~~

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- 5) Application for Certification ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Trench Operations (see Subpart E).~~
- 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: ~~1) a certified as Fire Service Instructor II; and 2) certified: A) in Trench Operations; or B) as a Rescue Specialist—Trench.~~ ~~3) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for every ~~each~~ 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- 4) ~~All other instructors on site shall be:~~
- A) ~~a certified Fire Service Instructor I; and~~
- B) ~~certified:~~
- i) ~~in Trench Operations; or~~
- ii) ~~as a Rescue Specialist—Trench.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Trench 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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- a) An Illinois Trench Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform trench stabilization, shoring equipment placement, and excavation and freeing of the victim from engulfment as defined by NFPA 10061670.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current Certification as ~~in~~ Trench Operations; ~~or as a Rescue Specialist—Trench.~~
  - 3) Successful completion of a ~~the~~ Trench Technician course consisting of a minimum of ~~32~~ 40 instructional hours; ~~Prerequisite for taking the course is successful completion of the Trench Operations or Rescue Specialist—Trench course.~~
  - 4) Passage of the State ~~Written and Practical Examinations~~ written examination. ~~4) Passage of the State Practical Examinations shall include~~ practical skills examinations and participation as a rescue team member in at least one live trench scenario; and ~~;~~
  - 5) Application for Certification ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Trench Operations (see Subpart E).~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~ certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Trench Technician. ~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for every ~~each~~ 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

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- ~~2~~ ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Trench Technician.~~
- ~~e~~) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Trench 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ~~g~~e) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.360 Structural Collapse Operations**

- a) An Illinois Structural Collapse Operations certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform structural collapse rescues as defined by NFPA 1006-1670.~~
- ~~ba~~) Prerequisites
- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification; ~~Certification as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter.~~
  - 2) Current certification as Rope Operations;
  - ~~3~~2) Successful completion of a ~~the~~ Structural Collapse Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
  - ~~4~~3) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and ~~written examination.~~
  - ~~5~~4) Application for Certification ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~

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- 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Structural Collapse Operations (see Subpart E).~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.
- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~ as Fire Service Instructor II and ~~certified in~~ Structural Collapse Operations. ~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for ~~every~~ each 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and certified in Structural Collapse Operations.~~
- ed) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Structural Collapse 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.362 Structural Collapse Technician**

- a) An Illinois Structural Collapse Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform structural collapse rescues as defined by NFPA 10061670.~~
- ba) 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~~Certification in~~ Structural Collapse Operations;-
  - 3) Current certification~~Certification as Rescue Specialist—~~Confined Space Operations;-
  - 3) ~~Certification as Rescue Specialist—Roadway or Vehicle and Machinery Operations-~~
  - 4) Current certification as Vehicle and Machinery Operations;
  - 4 ~~Certification as Rescue Specialist—Vertical I or Rope Operations-~~
  - 5) ~~Certification as Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations-~~
  - 5) Successful completion of a Structural Collapse Technician course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;~~Prerequisite for taking the Structural Collapse Technician course is successful completion of the Structural Collapse Operations course-~~
  - 6) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and~~written examination-~~
  - 7) Application for Certification~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - 9) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification-~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Structural Collapse Technician (see Subpart E)-~~
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

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- de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a-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.
- 1) ~~There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course. There shall be at least one instructor for each 6 students.~~
- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Structural Collapse Technician.~~
- ed) 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.364 Vehicle and Machinery Operations**

- a) ~~An Illinois~~ The Vehicle and Machinery Operations certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform vehicle and machinery rescues as defined by~~ NFPA 1006 ~~1670~~.
- ba) 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 ~~the~~ Vehicle and Machinery Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;

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- ~~42)~~ Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and ~~written examination.~~
- ~~3)~~ ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
- ~~4)~~ ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 5) Application for Certification.
- ~~b)~~ ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Vehicle and Machinery Operations (see Subpart E).~~
- 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 ~~a~~ certified as Fire Service Instructor II and ~~certified in~~ Vehicle and Machinery Operations. ~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 ~~each 8~~ students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- ~~2)~~ ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and certified in Vehicle and Machinery Operations.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Vehicle and Machinery 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.366 Vehicle and Machinery Technician**

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- a) ~~An Illinois~~The Vehicle and Machinery Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform vehicle and machinery rescues as defined by NFPA 10061670.~~
- 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~~Certification in~~ Vehicle and Machinery Operations;~~;- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations and~~
  - 3) Current certification as Rope Operations;~~;-~~
  - 4) Successful completion of a~~the~~ Vehicle and Machinery Technician course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;~~;- Prerequisite for taking the Vehicle and Machinery Technician course is successful completion of the Vehicle and Machinery Operations course.~~
  - 5) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and~~written examination.~~
  - 6) Application for Certification~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Vehicle and Machinery Technician (see Subpart E).~~
- 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 ~~a~~as Fire Service Instructor II and Vehicle and Machinery Technician.~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for every 6 each 8 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

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- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Vehicle and Machinery Technician.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for 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 as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of available in accordance~~with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.367 Rope Operations**

- a) An Illinois Rope 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~~Fire Chief of the candidate seeking certification;:-
  - 2) Current certification as Basic Operations Firefighter;:-
  - 3) Successful completion of Rope Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;:-
  - 4) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and:-
  - 5) Application for Certification~~Validation Attestation~~.
- c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing~~individual's~~ fire department ~~training records~~.

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- d) A qualified instructor for this level ~~must~~ shall be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Rope 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 Rope 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~~ shall be approved by the Division, ~~in accordance with Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.370 Fire Service Vehicle Operator**

- a) An Illinois Fire Service Vehicle Operator certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in ~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform fire service vehicle operations as defined by NFPA 1002 and NFPA 1451.~~
- ba) Prerequisites
  - 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - 2) Current certification ~~Certification~~ as ~~Firefighter II or~~ Basic Operations Firefighter;-
  - 3) ~~Successful completion of a minimum of 12 instructional hours.~~
  - 32) 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; ~~written examination.~~

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- 5) Completion of the required NFPA 1002 competency course;~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
- 6) Completion of an additional 8 hours of documented driving of the vehicles with differing wheelbases in use by the employing authority having jurisdiction;
- 7) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 7) Application for Certification.
- b) ~~Fire department or individual reimbursement may be received for training costs for Fire Service Vehicle Operator (see Subpart E).~~
- 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 ~~a~~ 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.371 Rope Technician**

- a) An Illinois~~The~~ Rope Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic~~

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~~knowledge and skills to safely perform rope rescues as defined by NFPA 1670 and 1006.~~

ba) Prerequisites

- 1) Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;~~Successful completion of the Rope Technician course.~~
- 2) Current certification as Rope Operations;~~Successful completion of a minimum of 40 instructional hours.~~
- 3) Successful completion of a Rope Technician course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;
- 4) ~~Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and written examination.~~
- 4) ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
- 5) ~~Certification in Rope Operations.~~
- 5) Application for Certification~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- 7) ~~Individuals certified as Rescue Specialist—Vertical II who seek to be a certified Rope Technician must complete an 8 hour bridge course by June 30, 2019 that includes a State written examination and State practical examination.~~

~~b) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be received for training costs for Rope Technician (see Subpart E).~~

c) Training documentation shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's training records at the employing fire department.

de) A qualified instructor for this level must be ~~a~~ certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Rope Technician.~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~



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There shall be at least one instructor for ~~every~~each 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.

- ~~2) All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Rope Technician.~~
- ~~ed)~~ Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Rope 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~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ~~ge)~~ Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.372 Surface Water Operations**

- ~~a)~~ An Illinois Surface Water Operations certification shall meet or exceed the level identified in~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform water rescues as defined by~~ NFPA ~~1006~~1670.
- ~~ba)~~ Prerequisites
- ~~1)~~ Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested by the employing fire chief of the candidate seeking certification;
  - ~~2)~~ Current certification as~~Certification in~~ Rope Operations;-
  - ~~32)~~ Successful completion of a Surface~~the~~ Water Operations course consisting of a minimum of 40 instructional hours;-
  - ~~43)~~ Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; and~~written examination.~~
  - ~~4)~~ ~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~

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- 5) Application for Certification~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for Water Operations (see Subpart E).~~
- 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 ~~a~~as certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Surface~~certified in~~ Water Operations. ~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for ~~every~~each 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and certified in Water Operations.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Surface Water 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~~as provided in Subpart B.
- g) Credit for an equivalent course will~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.375 Watercraft Technician**

- a) An Illinois Watercraft Technician certification shall meet or exceed the qualifications identified in~~is designed to give fire service personnel the basic knowledge and skills to safely perform water rescues as defined by NFPA 1006 and 1670.~~
- ba) 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 Surface~~Certification in~~ Water Operations; ~~and~~
  - 3) Certification~~certification~~ from an approved Illinois Department of Natural Resources or US Coast Guard on-line Boat Safety Course;~~;~~
  - 4) Successful completion of a Watercraft Technician Course consisting of a minimum of 16 instructional hours;~~Prerequisite for taking the Watercraft Technician course is successful completion of an approved Illinois Department of Natural Resources or US Coast Guard on-line Boat Safety Course.~~
  - 5) Passage of the State Written and Practical Examinations; ~~and written examination.~~
  - 6) Application for Certification~~Passage of the State practical skills examinations.~~
  - 5) ~~Engagement as Illinois fire protection personnel, as attested to by the employing Fire Chief of the individual seeking certification.~~
- b) ~~Reimbursement may be received for training costs for the Watercraft Technician course (see Subpart E).~~
- 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 ~~a~~ as certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Watercraft Technician.~~1) There shall be a minimum of 2 instructors per course.~~ There shall be at least one instructor for ~~every~~each 6 students during State Practical Examination evolutions.
- 2) ~~All other instructors on site shall be a certified Fire Service Instructor I and Watercraft Technician.~~
- e) Fire department or individual reimbursement may be available for training costs for Watercraft Technician as provided in Subpart E.

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- ~~f~~d) 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 ~~as provided in Subpart B.~~
- ge) Credit for an equivalent course will ~~courses may~~ be approved by the Division when the equivalent course meets the requirements of ~~available in accordance with~~ Section 141.120.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.380 Invalidation of Certification (Repealed)**

- a) ~~Invalidation of certification will be processed when:~~
- ~~1) Certification was awarded based on falsified office documentation, i.e., Application for Certification/Validation Attestation, Request for Examination, etc.~~
  - ~~2) Certification was awarded based on falsified training records.~~
  - ~~3) The individual has been convicted of a felony, crime of moral turpitude, or criminal act arising out of employment as a firefighter according to applicable State of Illinois regulation.~~
  - ~~4) Cheating on the State examination, including obtaining the exam prior to the examination date.~~
- b) ~~Records of invalidation of certifications will be retained by the Office.~~
- e) ~~An individual whose certification is invalidated under subsection (a) may request a hearing within 20 days after the event. Section 141.50 will govern appeal hearings.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.385 Rescue Operations**

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

(Source: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.386 Rescue Technician**

- 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;

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- 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.
- c) A qualified instructor for this level must be certified as Fire Service Instructor II and Rescue Technician.

(Source: Added at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.390 Recertifications**

- 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 ~~of the State Fire Marshal~~.
- 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 ~~will~~ require recertification beginning January 1, 2022 are:
  - 1) Fire Apparatus Engineer

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- 2) Company Fire Officer
- 3) Fire Department Incident Safety Officer
- 4) Fire Department Health and Safety Officer
- 5) Advanced Fire Officer
- 6) Chief Fire Officer
- 7) Fire Department Safety Officer
- 8) Fire Service Instructor I
- 9) Fire Service Instructor II
- 10) Fire Service Instructor III
- 11) Training Program Manager
- 12) Fire Inspector I
- 13) Fire Inspector II
- 14) Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I
- 15) Hazardous Materials Operations
- 16) Hazardous Materials Technician
- 17) Confined Space Operations
- 18) Confined Space Technician
- 19) Trench Operations
- 20) Trench Technician
- 21) Structural Collapse Operations

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- 22) Structural Collapse Technician
  - 23) Vehicle and Machinery Operations
  - 24) Vehicle and Machinery Technician
  - 25) Rope Operations
  - 26) Fire Service Vehicle Operator
  - 27) Rope Technician
  - 28) Rescue Operations
  - 29) Rescue Technician
- f) 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 are referenced further within this Section.
- g) Certifications issued on or after January 1, 2022 will no longer be considered current 4 years after their issuance date.
- h) 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 ~~OSFM~~-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).



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- B) If an applicant or fire department opts not to utilize the Task Book, documentation of successful recertification training ~~shall~~**must** be maintained in the fire service personnel's~~individual's~~ training record. Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, ~~shall~~**must** 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~~PSE~~ 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~~PSE~~ WebAccess Portal.
- C) In lieu of uploading either the Proficiency Log Sheets or completion report, recertification completion data shall be manually entered in the DPSE~~PSE~~ 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~~OSFM will notify~~ the employing fire department at one year and at 90-days prior to the date that fire service personnel's~~an individual's~~ certification will no longer be considered current. ~~The OSFM will grant each individual a 90-day grace period to complete the recertification requirements.~~
- 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~~individual~~ may maintain current certification in the established recertification cycle if the candidate~~individual~~ 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~~**must** include the Proficiency Log Sheets uploaded or

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manually entered using the ~~DPSE~~PSE 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~~individual~~ 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~~Fire Chief attests~~ that all the requirements of this Section are met and affirms that:
  - A) The candidate~~individual~~ seeking recertification is engaged as Illinois fire protection personnel.
  - B) Training documentation for recertification shall be maintained in the fire service personnel's~~individual's~~ fire department training records and is available for review by the Division~~staff~~ upon request.
  - 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~~An individual~~ who possess~~possesses~~ the highest level of certification within specific disciplines and who desire~~wants~~ that certification to remain current, shall~~will~~ only be required to recertify at the highest level. Once recertified at the highest level, all lower level recertifications shall~~will~~ automatically be processed and approved.
- 9) Recertification Requirements for Rescue Operations. Fire service personnel~~An individual~~ who possess~~possesses~~ 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.

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- B) If a fire department opts not to utilize the Task Book, documentation of successful recertification training ~~shall~~**must** be maintained in the fire service personnel's~~individual's~~ training record.
  - C) Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, ~~shall~~**must** include the components listed on the Task Book Proficiency Log Sheets.
- 10) Recertification Requirements for Rescue Technician. Fire service personnel~~An individual~~ who ~~possess~~**possesses** 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~~**must** be maintained in the fire service personnel's~~individual's~~ training record.
  - C) Training records utilized for recertification documentation, at a minimum, ~~shall~~**must** include the components listed on the Task Book Proficiency Log Sheets.
- i) 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~~OSFM~~ level-specific certification.
  - 3) Applicants for recertification ~~shall~~**must** 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~~approved~~ by the Division. Point dissemination ~~shall~~**will**

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be determined by the Division~~applicable State Certification Advisory Committee~~.

- 4) Application for recertification:
  - A) If utilizing the Division-supplied Recertification Tally Sheet, the Tally Sheet shall be uploaded using the DPSE~~PSE~~ 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~~PSE~~ WebAccess Portal.
  - C) In lieu of uploading either the Tally Sheet or completion report, recertification completion data shall be manually entered using the DPSE~~PSE~~ 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~~OSFM will notify~~ the employing fire department at one year and at 90-days prior to the date that fire service personnel's~~an individual's~~ certification shall~~will~~ no longer be considered current. ~~The OSFM will grant each individual 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.~~
- 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~~individual wants~~ to maintain a current certification, the candidate shall~~individual will~~ be required to complete an approved Fire Investigator course to obtain recertification.

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- 7) When submitting an application for recertification, the ~~chief~~Chief attests that all the requirements of this Section are met and affirms that:
- A) The ~~candidate~~individual 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~~individual's department training records and available for review by ~~the~~Division ~~staff~~ 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~~individuals 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.
- j) When all recertification requirements are met, a new certificate will be available on the ~~DPSE~~PSE WebAccess Portal.
- k) The Office may ~~waive the requirements or~~extend deadlines for requirements of this Section for good cause shown (e.g., military deployments, medical leaves, personal emergencies, ~~Acts~~Act of God ~~or~~ /natural ~~disasters~~disaster, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations~~Governor's Emergency Proclamation~~, etc.). [50 ILCS 740/1, 11 and 12]

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

## SUBPART E: REIMBURSEMENT

**Section 141.400 ~~Rules and Regulations for~~ Reimbursement**

- a) Prerequisites
- 1) All local governmental agencies and individuals may elect to participate in the training programs. All local governmental agencies and fire service personnel may elect to participate in the Division's certification programs. Local governmental agencies and fire service personnel may elect to

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participate for certification only or for certification and reimbursement for training expenses as described in the Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740].(Section 9 of the Act)~~The Illinois Fire Protection Training Act [50 ILCS 740] mandates the Office to reimburse local governmental agencies or individuals participating in the training program in an amount equaling ½ of the sum total paid by them during the period established by the Office for tuition at training facilities, salary of trainees while in school, necessary travel expenses and room and board for each trainee. In addition to reimbursement for trainees, the Office in each year shall reimburse the local governmental agencies participating in the training program for permanent fire protection personnel in the same manner as trainees for each such training program. (Section 10 of the Act)~~

- 2b) Local governmental agencies and fire service personnel may participate in all aspects of the Division’s certification programs without passage of a local governmental ordinance. The ordinance shall be required, however, to qualify local governmental agencies and fire service personnel to receive reimbursement.~~Section 10 of the Act also specifies that in the event that the annual appropriation for the reimbursement funding is insufficient to pay reimbursement in full (i.e., at the 50% level), the appropriation shall be apportioned among the participating local governmental agencies. Further, no local government agency which shall alter or change in any manner any of the training programs as promulgated under the Act or fail to comply with rules and regulations promulgated under the Act shall be entitled to receive any matching funds under the Act.~~
- 3e) To be eligible to receive reimbursement for training under the Act, the local governmental agency shall comply with the following requirements: Section 9 of the Act mandates that
- A) The local governmental agency~~agencies~~ shall require by ordinance completion of a~~that a trainee complete a~~ basic level course approved by the Office, and the passage of~~pass~~ the State test for certification at the basic level within the probationary period as established by the local governmental agency, as a prerequisite to reimbursement. The ordinance shall state the length of the probationary period. A certified copy of the Ordinance must be on

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*file with the Office. (Section 9 of the Act). A local governmental agency will not receive reimbursement for training that occurs prior to the completion of this requirement.*

- i) Local governmental agencies subject to Section 10-1-7.1(c) of the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5/10-1-7.1(c)] and Section 16.06(b) of the Fire Protection District Act [70 ILCS 705/16.06(b)] are limited to probationary periods not to exceed one year for all firefighters except those having paramedic duties, as required by the respective statutes.
  - ii) Volunteer or paid-on-call fire service personnel may receive reimbursement for basic level training completed beyond their probationary period, if the basic level training is completed within 3 years from the date of initial engagement as fire service personnel.
  - iii) Local governmental agencies that request reimbursement and file a certified copy of the required ordinance with the Division shall be eligible for reimbursement starting on the date a copy of the ordinance is received by the Division. Reimbursement may only be made for courses that commence on or after the date the Division receives a certified copy of the ordinance.
  - iv) Failure to complete the basic training and certification within the required period will render that individual and local governmental agency ineligible for reimbursement funding for basic training for that individual in the calendar year in which his probationary period ends. The individual may later become certified without reimbursement. (Section 9 of the Act)
- B) The local governmental agency shall agree to abide by the requirements of Part 141 governing the training of fire service personnel.
- C) The fire department must submit National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) reports to the Office for each month of the

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calendar year in which reimbursement is claimed. The fire department must be NFIRS-reporting compliant no later than April 15th of the calendar year in which claims for reimbursement are submitted. No reimbursement shall be provided if the fire department is not NFIRS-compliant.

- D) Course completions must be submitted on the DPSE WebAccess Portal by the training facility by deadline for the submission for claims for reimbursement under this Section.
  - E) The Division shall reimburse only one time for a course completion but shall not reimburse for the same course repeated later by fire service personnel.
  - F) The claimant must have prerequisite certifications which are required under level specific certification prerequisites referenced in Subpart D prior to the beginning date of the course to be eligible for submission of claims for reimbursement
- 4) Failure to satisfy the requirements of subsection (3) above will result in denial of the claims for reimbursement.

b) Claims

- 1) Annually, the Office shall electronically send eligible local governmental agencies the current Funding Document specifying details to submit for reimbursement. The Funding Document shall include the courses eligible for reimbursement. A claim for reimbursement is permitted only once per course per fire service personnel.
- 2) The Office shall reimburse up to 50% of the following costs incurred by eligible local governmental agencies or fire service personnel:
  - A) Salary. Salary is the sum actually paid by the local governmental agency for fire service personnel while attending courses. Salary does not include a local governmental agency's contributions to insurance and pension programs but does include contributions deducted from the fire service personnel's salary for insurance and retirement.



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- i) The formula for computing fire service personnel's hourly salary is: yearly salary at the time of the training divided by the number of hours for which the fire service personnel is paid. It is acknowledged that hourly shifts may vary from 40 to 56 or more hours per week. In such instances, the formula should be adjusted to most accurately reflect the above definition.
  - ii) If there is a variation in fire service personnel's salary or between fire service personnel of equal grade, the claimant should explain the variations on the claim.
- B) Tuition and registration fees. A paid receipt from a training facility shall be attached to the reimbursement claim signature form.
- C) Meals. Cost reimbursement for meals shall not exceed the reimbursement schedule allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 3000, Appendix A.
- D) Transportation costs. Cost reimbursement for transportation shall not exceed the calculated amount in accordance with requirements of this Section. Computations for such costs shall be provided on or attached to the reimbursement claim signature form.
  - i) Cost reimbursement claims for transportation shall be calculated using the auto mileage rate allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 3000, Appendix A.
  - ii) A round trip shall be calculated as twice the distance from the address of the employing department to the training location.
  - iii) If the course is offered on consecutive days (e.g., Monday through Thursday, or Saturday and Sunday) and overnight lodging is used, the Office shall reimburse for only one round trip per consecutive day period (e.g., 6 round trips for a course offered on 6 weekends or one round trip for a 5-day course).

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- iv) If a course is offered on consecutive days (e.g., Monday through Thursday, or Saturday and Sunday), and overnight lodging is not used, the Office shall reimburse for round trip costs for each day.
  - v) If the course is offered on non-consecutive days (e.g., Monday and Wednesday evenings), the Office shall reimburse round trip transportation costs for each day.
  - vi) Reimbursement for mileage shall only be provided for one person when 2 or more persons travel together. No duplicative claims for reimbursement of mileage shall be made for persons traveling together.
- E) Lodging. Lodging cost reimbursement shall be exclusively for the cost of the room and applicable taxes and shall not exceed the reimbursement schedule allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 3000 Appendix A. A paid receipt shall be attached to the reimbursement claim signature form.
- 3) Fire service personnel who have elected to participate for reimbursement may submit claims for reimbursement directly to the Division for expenses incurred for the calendar year in which reimbursement is claimed. Reimbursement for fire service personnel shall be limited to tuition and registration fees, mileage, lodging and meals. Such reimbursement shall be limited to out-of-pocket expenses not paid or reimbursed, in whole or in part, by the local governmental agency. Reimbursable expenses shall be subject to the reimbursement schedule allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 3000 Appendix A.
  - 4) In the event that the appropriation for reimbursement for training is insufficient to meet all claims for reimbursement at the 50% level, all claims for reimbursement shall be reduced proportionately and paid in the same proportion.
  - 5) No more than 50% of the reimbursements distributed to local governmental agencies in any fiscal year shall be distributed to local governmental agencies of more than 500,000 persons. (Section 10 of the

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Act)

- 6) Local governmental agencies shall submit claims for reimbursement using the DPSE WebAccess Portal. Once the submission is complete, the required claim signature form shall be printed. The claim signature form requires original signatures. Required receipts shall be attached to the claim signature form and mailed to the Division before the deadline in Subsection (7).
- 7) For a calendar year (January 1-December 31), the deadline for the submission of claims for reimbursement shall be February 28 of the following year.
  - A) In the event that February 28 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline for the submission of the claims shall be the next business day.
  - B) The accompanying claim signature form and receipts shall be postmarked no later than the deadline.
  - C) Any claims for reimbursement, claim signature forms and receipts submitted after the deadline are considered invalid and will be denied.
- 8) Reimbursement that was awarded based upon erroneous documentation in fire service personnel training records or erroneous documentation submitted to the Division shall be repaid to the Office in the amount of reimbursement received for which the fire department or fire service personnel was ineligible.
- 9) Reimbursement for training costs is limited to the amounts authorized in this Section, or the amount requested, whichever is less.

(Source: Amended at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.405 Prerequisites for Participation for Reimbursement (Repealed)**

- a) ~~Local governmental agencies electing to participate for reimbursement under the Act shall so provide by local ordinance. A sample ordinance may be obtained~~

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~~from the Office. To apply for reimbursement, the local governmental agency must also agree to abide by all rules and regulations for the training of firefighters.~~

- ~~b) Individuals who are employed as firefighters meeting the requirements in the Act by local governmental agencies that have elected to participate for reimbursement may submit claims for reimbursement for expenses incurred during the training period. Reimbursement for individuals is limited to tuition, travel expenses and room and board. Reimbursable expenses are subject to the requirements and limitations of this Part and 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800 (Travel).~~
- ~~e) Payments to individuals, units of local government, and governmental agencies are limited to reimbursement.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.410 Requirements (Repealed)**

~~The Office defines the minimum basic requirement to be completed by a recruit or trainee prior to becoming a permanent member of the fire department to be the Firefighter II level. All local governmental agencies electing to participate for reimbursement must have all firefighter trainees certified at the Firefighter II level by the end of their probationary period. The probationary period will be determined by the local governmental agency. The failure of any trainee to complete Firefighter II certification within the required probationary period will render that individual and local governmental agency ineligible for reimbursement funding for basic training for that individual in the calendar year in which his probationary period ends. The individual may later become certified without reimbursement.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.415 Claim Forms (Repealed)**

~~Forms upon which to claim reimbursement for training expenses are available from the Office, Division of Personnel Standards and Education. These forms require local governmental agencies to prove costs of transportation, room and board, tuition, and salary for the training of firefighters. Receipts must be attached evidencing the claims. Facsimiles that have the same format as Office forms will be accepted, with prior approval.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

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**Section 141.420 Claim Deadline (Repealed)**

~~Municipalities, fire protection districts and individuals are encouraged to submit claims as soon as possible after the successful completion of any reimbursable training.~~

- ~~a) Claims for reimbursement can be made only for training within dates specified by the Office and may not include prior or subsequent training.~~
- ~~b) For a calendar year (January 1-December 31), the deadline for the receipt of claim forms is 5:00 p.m. on February 28.~~
- ~~c) In the event that February 28 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the claim forms must be received by the Office by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day.~~
- ~~d) Claim forms must be received by the Office, and not mailed, by the specified dates. Any claim forms arriving after the deadline date will not be processed for reimbursement and will be denied.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.425 Amount of Reimbursement (Repealed)**

~~The Office will reimburse up to 50% of the following costs:~~

- ~~a) Salary
  - ~~1) Salary, according to an opinion from the Attorney General, is that sum actually paid to a trainee while in school by the employer (local governmental agency). It does not include employer contributions to insurance and pension programs, but does include contributions deducted from a trainee's salary for insurance and retirement.~~
  - ~~2) The formula for computing a trainee's hourly salary is yearly salary divided by the number of hours for which paid. It is realized that hourly shifts may vary from 40 to 56 or more hours per week. In such instances, the formula should be adjusted to most nearly reflect the above definition.~~
  - ~~3) If there is a variation in an individual's salary or between firefighters of~~~~

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~~equal grade, the claimant should explain these variations on the claim form, e.g.:~~

~~A) Promotion 100 hours @ \$4.65~~

~~50 hours @ \$5.28~~

~~OR~~

~~B) 1½ time overtime 100 hours @ \$4.65~~

~~50 hours @ \$6.98~~

- ~~b) Tuition and/or registration fees.~~
- ~~c) Food, not to exceed amounts allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800.~~
- ~~d) Transportation costs, not to exceed amounts allowed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800.~~
  - ~~1) If the course is five or more consecutive days and lodging is available (availability means that hotels, motels, dormitories, or other sleeping facilities may be hired for overnight lodging in the nearby vicinity), the Office will reimburse for one round trip to the training center per week for the duration of the course.~~
  - ~~2) If the course is offered on non consecutive days, the Office will reimburse round trip transportation costs for each day.~~
  - ~~3) If the course is offered on consecutive days (e.g., Saturday and Sunday) and overnight lodging is available, the Office will reimburse for only one round trip per consecutive day period (e.g., six round trips for a course offered on six weekends).~~
    - ~~A) If the travel distance is less than 50 miles, the Office will only reimburse for each round trip.~~
    - ~~B) If the travel distance is 50 miles or greater and lodging is available, the Office will reimburse for one round trip and lodging costs per consecutive day period.~~
  - ~~4) Reimbursement for mileage will only be provided for one person when~~

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~~two or more persons travel together, as in car pools.~~

- e) ~~Lodging, not to exceed lodging costs approved under 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800.~~
- f) ~~The Office will reimburse for other expenses in the amount authorized for Office employees by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800 or the amount requested by the local governmental agency or individual, whichever is less.~~
- g) ~~Applicants for reimbursement can contact the Office for a list of current reimbursement limits prescribed by 80 Ill. Adm. Code 2800.~~
- h) ~~The following are the maximum hours for which reimbursement may be claimed:~~
  - 1) ~~Firefighter II~~ 450 hours
  - 2) ~~Airport Firefighter~~ 54 hours
  - 3) ~~Firefighter III~~ 450 hours
  - 4) ~~Fire Apparatus Engineer~~ 54 hours
  - 5) ~~Fire Officer I~~ 324 hours
  - 6) ~~Fire Department Incident Safety Officer~~ 54 hours
  - 7) ~~Fire Officer II~~ 324 hours
  - 8) ~~Fire Officer III~~ 400 hours
  - 9) ~~Fire Service Instructor I~~ 54 hours
  - 10) ~~Fire Service Instructor II~~ 54 hours
  - 11) ~~Fire Service Instructor III~~ 54 hours
  - 12) ~~Training Program Manager~~ 54 hours
  - 13) ~~Fire Prevention Officer~~ 120 hours
  - 14) ~~Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II~~ 40 hours
  - 15) ~~Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III~~ 40 hours
  - 16) ~~Fire Investigator~~ 120 hours
  - 17) ~~Arson Investigator~~ 200 hours

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<del>18) Fire Inspector II and Plan Examiner I</del>	<del>120 hours</del>
<del>19) Fire Inspector III and Plan Examiner II</del>	<del>40 hours</del>
<del>20) Hazardous Materials Awareness</del>	<del>450 hours</del>
<del>21) Hazardous Materials First Responder—Operations</del>	<del>450 hours</del>
<del>22) Hazardous Materials Technician A and B</del>	<del>108 hours</del>
<del>23) Hazardous Materials Incident Command</del>	<del>24 hours</del>
<del>24) Technical Rescue Awareness</del>	<del>12 hours</del>
<del>25) Rescue Specialist—Confined Space</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>26) Trench Operations</del>	<del>24 hours</del>
<del>27) Trench Technician</del>	<del>32 hours</del>
<del>28) Rescue Specialist—Vertical II</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>29) Structural Collapse Operations</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>30) Structural Collapse Technician</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>31) Vehicle and Machinery Operations</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>32) Vehicle and Machinery Technician</del>	<del>54 hours</del>
<del>33) Motor Sports Fire and Rescue</del>	<del>16 hours</del>
<del>34) Fire Service Vehicle Operator</del>	<del>12 hours</del>
<del>35) Water Operations</del>	<del>32 hours</del>

i) ~~Reimbursement is not available for repeat courses.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.450 Appropriations (Repealed)**

~~In accordance with the enabling legislation, in the event that the appropriation for reimbursement for training of fire protection personnel is insufficient to meet all claims at the 50% level, all claims will be reduced proportionately and all claims will be paid in the same proportion. No more than 50% of the reimbursements distributed to local governmental agencies in any calendar year shall be distributed to local governmental agencies of more than 500,000 persons.~~



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(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.460 Advanced Training Programs (Repealed)**

~~Municipalities may participate in training programs beyond the Firefighter II level at their option. Municipalities participating in these advanced training programs will be subject to the applicable rules and regulations for advanced training, and are eligible for reimbursement funding for those courses.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

SUBPART F: FEES

**Section 141.500 Fees (Repealed)**

~~The Office hereby adopts the following fee schedule for the Division of Personnel Standards and Education:~~

- ~~a) Approval Review of Facilities (Sections 141.100 and 141.110) \$0~~
- ~~b) Review of Equivalency Courses (Section 141.120) \$100~~
- ~~c) Review of Course Approval Requests (Section 141.115) \$0~~
- ~~d) Fee for Certificates (all training levels) \$0~~
- ~~e) Fee for Special Examination Sites Not on Regular Schedule \$400~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)

**Section 141.505 Waiver of Fees (Repealed)**

~~The Office, at its sole discretion, may waive the fee required by Section 141.500(e) if the department demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Division Director, all of the following:~~

- ~~a) The department is volunteer or paid on call;~~

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- b) ~~There is no fee charged any attendee for the class, not including instructional materials;~~
- e) ~~Attendance at the examination by department personnel would reduce the level of available responders below minimum safety standards;~~
- d) ~~Attendance at a regularly scheduled examination would cause detrimental effects on attendees' full time job responsibilities;~~
- e) ~~The department budget is less than 100 times the cost of the examination; or~~
- f) ~~The department makes a specific request and provides justification for an exemption.~~

(Source: Repealed at 46 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)