SPSA Certification, Endorsement, & Evaluation Guide Appendix C

NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition - Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications

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This document is an appendix to the SPSA Certification, Endorsement, and Evaluation Guide. Use this appendix in conjunction with the guide.

Introduction

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is accredited with the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) to offer National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certification for NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, Levels I and II.

NFPA 1001 (2019) Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications identifies the Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) including Knowledge Requirements and Skill Requirements that must be completed before a candidate is eligible for certification. This document is part of the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's (SPSA) Certification, Endorsement, and Evaluation Guide found on the SPSA website.

NFPA 1001 (2019) has two levels of certification. Candidates must first complete and pass Level I before being eligible for certification at Level II. There are different requirements that must be achieved to obtain certification at each level.

This appendix contains the requirements to be completed before a candidate receives certification for NFPA 1001, (2019) Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications. It is recommended that candidates read the guide before beginning the certification process. Detailed Job Performance Requirements can be found at www.nfpa.org.

Requirements for Certification

Fire Fighter Level I - The following prerequisites must be completed to be eligible for certification:

- 1. Be a member of good standing of a Saskatchewan fire department or other eligible emergency service or a participant in a post-secondary institute affiliated with SPSA.
- 2. Candidates must be enrolled followed by successfully completing a comprehensive training program that covers all requisite knowledge and skills. The training program must provide in-depth understanding and practical application of the necessary competencies.
- 3. Candidate must possess:
 - a. Certification pursuant to NFPA 1072 Standard for Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents at the Operations Level.
 - b. Certification pursuant Incident Command System (ICS) Level 100.
 - c. Valid First Aid Certificate, including CPR-C qualification.
- 4. Complete an application form (attached to this appendix) and submit it 30 days before exam/evaluation date with all required pre-requisite documentation.
- 5. Reference Materials:
 - a. NFPA 1001 (2019), Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.
 - b. IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, 7th Edition
- 6. Successfully complete a 100-question written examination based on the reference material, given 120 minutes in duration. The passing mark for the exam is set at 70%.
- 7. Successfully pass a practical skill evaluation using SPSA Performance Skills Sheets based on the JPRs outlined in NFPA 1001 (2019).

Fire Fighter Level II - The following prerequisites must be completed to be eligible for certification:

- 1. Be a member of good standing of a Saskatchewan fire department or other eligible emergency service or a participant in a post-secondary institute affiliated with SPSA.
- 2. Candidates must be enrolled followed by successfully completing a comprehensive training program that covers

all requisite knowledge and skills. The training program must provide in-depth understanding and practical application of the necessary competencies.

- 3. Candidate must possess:
 - a. Certification pursuant to NFPA 1001 Level I Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.
 - b. Valid First Aid Certificate, including CPR-C qualification.
- 4. Complete an application form (attached to this appendix) and submit it 30 days before exam/evaluation date with all required pre-requisite documentation.
- 5. Reference Materials:
 - a. NFPA 1001 (2019), Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications.
 - b. IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting, 7th Edition
- 6. Successfully complete a 50-question written examination based on the reference material, given 1 hour in duration. The passing mark for the exam is set at 70%.
- Successfully pass a practical skill evaluation using SPSA Performance Skills Sheets based on the JPRs outlined in NFPA 1001 (2019).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PPE brought to a practical evaluation is subject to inspection and acceptance/rejection by the program sponsor and SPSA. Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) must be accompanied by maintenance and service records and be available for examination prior to use during a certification program. PPE and SCBA identified as a safety risk may not be used during a certification program. Candidates who do not have safe PPE or SCBA will not be allowed to participate in practical skills evaluations.

Job Performance Requirements

The JPRs act as a guide for both the certification process and the individual's preparation for it. The JPRs provide a general overview of the knowledge and skills that an individual must demonstrate to be certified at a particular level as well as a tool for individuals to track their progress as they familiarize themselves with the JPRs and prepare for the certification process. Detailed JPRs can be found at www.nfpa.org.

The complete NFPA standard must be read and understood. Each NFPA standard and each JPR within the standard have specific requisites that must be met. The standard lists the requisite skills and knowledge that a candidate must possess to be able to successfully complete the certification process.

Certification is based upon successfully completing the standard established by NFPA. Candidates are cautioned that they must be prepared for evaluation on all JPRs including Knowledge Requirements and Skill Requirements in the standard.