

## News from the Florida Bureau of Fire Standards and Training

# Some Florida Fire Certifications to Become Acceptable in 24 States

## Florida Requirements for Certification Not Changing

The Florida Certification program is not changing; however, the opportunity to receive international recognition for Florida credentials is being enhanced. The continuation and expansion of the Pro-Board accreditation process provides the possibility for the comparison of your Florida certifications throughout the nation and around the world. To receive a Pro-Board application the candidate must demonstrate practical (skills) competencies. The Bureau feels that this will be beneficial; skills assessment documentation will be required for classes that start after October 1, 2010.

The method the candidate uses is determined by the training center or school and the student. Students will be able to complete those skills associated with the class during the instructional period. Skills must be evaluated by an independent examiner (certified instructor other than the one teaching the class), or in the format of a task book signed off by the chief of the department or other senior officers that witnessed the skills. Applicants may choose to use a combination of both methods.

THIS WILL ONLY AFFECT CLASSES STARTING AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2010.

Pro-Board applications will continue to be distributed upon successful completion of the training program and the certification examination.

Again, Florida certification requirements have not changed.

Below is a list of the certifications and the different options that will be available. Please note that option 2 is almost identical to the original certification process adding only the skills verification.

### **Fire Safety Inspector**

Fire Safety Inspector Option 1:

Fire Inspector I

Course Requirement:

Fire Prevention Practices

Codes & Standards

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Inspector I application\* (\$15.00 fee)

Fire Plans Examiner I

Course Requirement:

Construction Documents/Plan Review

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)  
Pro-Board Fire Plans Examiner I application\* (\$15.00 fee)

Fire Inspector II

Course Requirement:

Fire Protection Systems  
Building Construction

Fingerprints/background check

High school graduate or GED

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

Prerequisite for test Fire Inspector I & Fire Plans Examiner I

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Inspector II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Safety Inspector** certificate

Fire Safety Inspector Option 2: (Combination Inspector I, II Plans Examiner I)

Fire Safety Inspector

Course Requirement:

Fire Prevention Practices

Codes & Standards

Fire Protection Systems

Building Construction

Construction Documents/Plan Review

Fingerprints/background check

High school graduate or GED

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Inspector I / II / Plans Examiner I application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Safety Inspector** certificate

**Fire Service Instructor**

Fire Service Instructor I

Course Requirement:

Course Delivery

Six years experience in organized fire department

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Instructor I application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Instructor I**

Fire Service Instructor II

Course Requirement:

Course Design

Six years experience in organized fire department

Associates of Arts or Applied Science degree

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

Prerequisite for test Fire Instructor I

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Instructor II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Instructor II**

Fire Service Instructor I/II (Combination)

Course Requirement:

Course Delivery

Course Design

Six years experience in organized fire department

Associates of Arts or Applied Science degree

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)  
Pro-Board Fire Instructor I / II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Instructor II**

Fire service Instructor III (seeking Pro-Board certification must comply with the Instructor II requirements)

Course Requirement:

Course Delivery

Course Design

Six years experience in organized fire department

Bachelorette degree

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

*The exam is only required for Pro-Board certification*

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Instructor II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Instructor III**

**Fire Officer**

Fire Officer Option 1:

Fire Officer I (NFPA 1021 Level I - Fire Officer I)

Course Requirement:

Company Officer

Fire Prevention Practices

Course Delivery

Tactics I

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Officer I application (\$15.00 fee)

Fire Officer II (NFPA 1021 Level II - Fire Officer II)

Course Requirement:

Building Construction

Fire Protection Systems

Tactics II

ICS 300

Terrorism

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

Prerequisite Fire Officer I

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills Course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Officer I application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Officer I** certificate

Fire Officer Option 2: (Combination Fire Officer I / II)

Fire Officer

Course Requirement:

Company Officer

Fire Prevention Practices

Course Delivery

Tactics I

Building Construction

Fire Protection Systems

Tactics II

ICS 300

Terrorism

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Practical Skills Task-book (after June 1, 2010) or

Practical Skills course Review by independent evaluator (after June 1, 2010)

Pro-Board Fire Officer I, II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Fire Officer I** certificate

## Firefighter

### Firefighter Option 1

#### Firefighter I

##### Course Requirement:

206 hour basic firefighting training

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee) 100 questions 2 hrs

No prerequisite for test

Firefighter I Practical

Required only for Pro-Board certification

May be administered by an agent of

Firefighter I application (Pro-Board \$15.00 fee)

**Florida Firefighter I certificate of competency**

#### Firefighter II

##### Course

192 hour advanced firefighting training

Fingerprints/background check

High school graduate or GED

Age requirement

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee) 100 questions 2 hrs

Prerequisite Firefighter I

Firefighter I, II Practical administered by a FSFC Field Representative

Pro-Board Firefighter II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Firefighter II certificate of compliance**

Retest for Firefighter II limited to one

### Firefighter Option 2 (Combination Firefighter I / II)

#### Firefighter I, II (Minimum Standards)

##### Course

398 hour Minimum Standards training

206 hour basic firefighting training

192 hour advanced firefighting training

Fingerprints/background check

High school graduate or GED

Age requirement

Pass written exam 70% to 100% (\$30.00 fee)

No prerequisite for test

Firefighter I, II Practical administered by a FSFC Field Representative

Pro-Board Firefighter I, II application\* (\$15.00 fee)

**Florida Firefighter II certificate of compliance**

Applicant passing Firefighter I, failing Firefighter II can be certified as a FFI

Applicant failing Firefighter I cannot be certified at either level,

Retest for Firefighter I, II limited to one

\*Pro-Board Certification and fees are optional.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Fire Standards.