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After June 1, 2010 Florida will officially be a ProBoard State. That means that certifications earned in Florida will be acceptable in 24 other states (and more will join as time goes by). The entire process is a bit confusing though.

Florida's terminology will change slightly because of the ProBoard Certification nomenclature. For example: "Florida Fire Inspector One" will also be ProBoard "Fire Inspector I, Fire Plans Examiner I, and Fire Inspector II:"

Option 1: Each of these 3 sections can be certified separately by applying for a test for each section and completing a course review by an independent evaluator OR

Option 2: can be certified at the end of the completion of all 5 classes by taking a final certification test and completing the Course Review by an independent evaluator. Fire Officer is similar but instead of earning 3 ProBoard certifications when a student completes "Florida Fire Officer One" they will receive 2 ProBoard certifications; Fire Officer 1 and Fire Officer 2. All ProBoard Certifications require a test and either a Task-Book completion by their own FD or an independent evaluator review at a training center.

I do understand that this is somewhat confusing; so if you are seeking certification we will be happy to walk you through the process. Currently, there has not been a settlement on how those firefighters who are already certified can become ProBoard certified. I'm sure those decisions will be made in the near future.

For complete details from the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, please go to:

www.FireAcademy.org/PDF_Files_Temp/BFSTA-news_4-19-10.pdf