

4765-11-01 **Definitions.**

As used in this chapter and chapters 4765-20 to 4765-23 of the Administrative Code:

- (A) "Executive director" means the individual appointed by the director of public safety, pursuant to section 4765.03 of the Revised Code, to serve as the chief executive officer of the board of emergency medical services and as the executive director of the division of emergency medical services.
- (B) "Authorizing official" means any person who owns or who maintains responsibility on behalf of an individual, corporation, trust, partnership, or an association for the facilities, equipment, instructors, manager, and other employees of a fire training program.
- (C) "Assistant instructor" means an individual certified by the executive director to assist in the instruction of students in fire training programs and continuing education programs under the auspice of a certified instructor.
- (D) "Certification" means the process by which the executive director issues a certificate to each person who meets the qualifications set forth in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code to practice as a firefighter, fire safety inspector, certified instructor, or other fire training level approved by the executive director.
- (E) "Certified instructor" or "instructor" means an individual who the executive director certifies to instruct students in fire training programs and continuing education programs pursuant to section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-21 of the Administrative Code.
- (F) "Charter" means a certificate issued by the executive director to a fire training program that meets the requirements set forth in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter to offer a fire training program within Ohio.
- (G) "Chartering" means the process by which the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee, evaluates Ohio fire training programs and determines whether they meet the minimum standards established pursuant to section 4765.55 of the Revised code and this chapter for obtaining a charter.
- (H) "Chartered program" means any Ohio fire training program that has been issued a charter in accordance with section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter.
- (I) "Committee" means the firefighter and fire safety inspector training committee of the state board of emergency medical services created in section 4765.55 of the Revised Code.
- (J) "Document of course completion" means the document provided by a chartered program that verifies a student has successfully completed a fire training program course and passed all written and practical exams.

- (K) "Fire chief" means the head of a fire department who is responsible for assuring that each firefighter who works for that department, whether on a volunteer or paid part-time or full-time basis, has completed basic fire training.
- (L) "Fire safety inspector" means an individual certified by the executive director pursuant to section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code to perform fire safety inspector duties as set forth in Chapter 3737 of the Revised Code.
- (M) "Fire service training" or "fire training" means the minimum training standards for service as a firefighter or fire safety inspector, or other fire training certification that are established in accordance with section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter.
- (N) "Full-time firefighter" means an individual who receives an appointment as a permanent, full-time firefighter under section 505.38, 737.08, or 737.22 of the Revised Code.
- (O) "Good reputation" means:
- (1) If the person is an individual, he is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary action by any agency of the federal, state, or local government, and has not been denied a license or certificate or had a license or certificate limited, suspended, or revoked by any public agency;
 - (2) If the person is not an individual, that it is in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations that are applicable to its operations, is not currently under investigation by any agency of the federal, state, or local government, has not been denied any necessary licenses or certificates, or had such licenses or certificates limited, suspended, or revoked.
- (P) "Limit" or "restrict" means to preclude a certificate holder from engaging in a particular conduct or activity, to impose conditions on the manner in which such conduct or activity may be performed, or to require the certificate holder to abide by specific conditions in order to continue functioning under the holder's certificate.
- (Q) "Local authorizing entity" means the entity that has legal authority over a fire training program (e.g. city council, township trustees, county commissioners, chief executive officer of a corporation, etc.).
- (R) "NFPA" means the national fire protection association.
- (S) "NFPA standard 1001" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a firefighter as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1001 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2002 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org.

- (T) "NFPA standard 1002" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire apparatus driver operator as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1002 Standard on Fire Apparatus Driver Operator Professional Qualifications (2003 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org
- (U) "NFPA standard 1031" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire safety inspector as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1031 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (1998 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org.
- (V) "NFPA standard 1403" means the standard for participating in live fire training evolutions as set forth in the "NFPA 1403 Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (2007 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org.
- (W) "NFPA standard 1041" means the minimum requirements, in terms of performance objectives, of professional competence required for service as a fire service instructor as set forth for each level of responsibility in the "NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications (2007 edition)," which is available at www.nfpa.org.
- (X) "NFPA standard 1451" means the minimum requirements for a fire service vehicle operations training program as set forth in the "NFPA 1451 standard for a fire service vehicle operations training program (2007 edition)" which is available at www.nfpa.org.
- (Y) "Part-time firefighter" means a person who provides firefighting services on less than a full-time basis, is routinely scheduled to be present on site at a fire station or other designated location for the purposes of responding to a fire or other emergency, and receives more than nominal compensation for the provision of firefighting services.
- (Z) "Probation" means a situation whereby a certificate holder shall continue to practice only under conditions specified by the executive director with the advice and counsel of the committee.
- (AA) "Program director" means the person who conducts the daily business and operation of the fire training program, including the training and supervision of instructors. The authorizing official shall either act as program director or designate another person to act as program director.
- (BB) "Revocation" means the loss of a certificate issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code for at least one year from the date on which the executive director's order revoking the certificate was journalized.
- (CC) "Suspension" means the temporary loss of a certificate issued under section 4765.55

of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Volunteer firefighter" means a person who provides fire fighting services on less than a full-time basis and who is not routinely scheduled to be present on-site at a fire station or other specified location for purposes of responding to a fire or other emergency, but instead responds from home, place of employment, or other unspecified location.

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