## 4765-11-16 Certificate of equivalency.

- (A) A certificate of equivalency shall be issued to an applicant who meets the following requirements:
  - (1) The applicant submits a completed application on a form prescribed by the executive director.
  - (2) The applicant completed a firefighter training program as that term is defined in paragraph (C) of rule 4765-11-01 of the Administrative Code, in another state or branch of the U.S. military that has training program standards substantially the same as those established in these rules, and has completed a training program within the past two years; or has two years of firefighter experience within the last four years this chapter.
  - (3) The applicant submits all of the following:
    - (a) A copy of the certificate of completion issued by the training program or a copy of the certification issued by the applicable state or branch of the U.S. military;
    - (b) Verification of the completion of the training program on a form prescribed by the executive director.
  - (4)(3) The applicant meets all the requirements for admission under paragraph (A)(16) of rule 4765-11-03 of the Administrative Code.
  - (4) Within twelve months after the application is approved and a letter of authorization is issued, the applicant passes an examination approved by the executive director at the level for which certification is sought.
  - (5) The applicant passes the written final examination required by paragraph (A)(14) of rule 4765-11-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) The executive director shall maintain a listing of all firefighter training programs determined as having standards substantially the same to the standards set out in these rules. A training program shall be determined to have substantially the same standards if, at a minimum, it meets all of the following:
  - (1) The training program requires classroom and practical skill training in substantially the same subject areas for approximately the same number of course hours required by Chapter 4765-11 of the Administrative Code. this chapter;
  - (2) Successful completion of the training program requires the student to pass one

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or more written and practical examinations that test knowledge, understanding, and ability to provide firefighter services:

(3) The admission requirements for students are comparable to those in paragraph (A)(16) of rule 4765-11-03 of the Administrative Code.

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