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**Firefighter, fire safety inspector and instructor examinations.**

(A) The initial examinations required for a firefighter certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination and a practical examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

(1) The knowledge examination for a firefighter certificate shall meet the following:

(a) The knowledge examination shall be taken at the level of firefighter certification sought;

(b) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the knowledge examination is required for certification;

(c) The knowledge examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;

(d) If the applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction as set forth in Chapter 4765-11 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a firefighter certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The practical examination shall consist of skills testing for a firefighter certificate and shall meet the following:

(a) The practical examination shall be administered by a chartered program;

(b) The practical examination shall be evaluated by a practical skills evaluator;

(c) The practical examination is based on a pass or fail grading system;

(d) The applicant shall pass each skill in its entirety. Failure to pass any portion of a tested skill requires re-testing of the entire skill.

(e) A maximum of three attempts per skill is permitted, with no more than two attempts occurring on the same day;

(f) If the applicant is unable to pass the practical examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction as set forth in Chapter 4765-11 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a firefighter certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code.

(3) An applicant shall successfully pass the practical examination as set forth in paragraph (A)(2) of this rule prior to attempting the knowledge examination

as set forth in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.

(B) The reinstatement examinations required for a firefighter certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination and a practical examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee. Time lines for reinstatement requirements for a firefighter certificate are set forth in rule 4765-20-08 of the Administrative Code.

(1) The knowledge examination for reinstatement of a firefighter certificate shall meet the following:

(a) The knowledge examination shall be taken at the level of firefighter certification sought;

(b) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the knowledge examination is required for certification;

(c) The knowledge examination required for reinstatement shall be passed within three attempts;

(d) If the applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction as set forth in Chapter 4765-11 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a firefighter certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The practical examination for reinstatement of a firefighter certificate shall meet the following:

(a) The practical examination shall be administered by a chartered program;

(b) The practical examination shall be evaluated by a practical skills evaluator;

(c) The practical examination is based on a pass or fail grading system;

(d) The applicant shall pass each skill in its entirety. Failure to pass any portion of a tested skill requires re-testing of the entire skill.

(e) A maximum of three attempts per skill is permitted, with no more than two attempts occurring on the same day;

(f) If the applicant is unable to pass the practical examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction as set forth in Chapter 4765-11 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for the firefighter certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code.

(C) The initial examinations required for a fire safety inspector certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination and a practical examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

(1) The knowledge examination for a fire safety inspector certificate shall meet the following:

(a) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the knowledge examination is required for certification;

(b) The knowledge examination for fire safety inspector shall be passed within three attempts;

(c) If the applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction for fire safety inspector as set forth in rule 4765-11-14 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a certificate of fire safety inspector training as provided in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code.

(2) The practical examination for fire safety inspector shall meet the following:

(a) The practical examination shall be administered by a chartered program;

(b) The practical examination shall be evaluated by a practical skills evaluator;

(c) The practical examination is based on a pass or fail grading system;

(d) The applicant shall pass each skill in its entirety. Failure to pass any portion of a tested skill requires re-testing of the entire skill.;

(e) A maximum of three attempts per skill is permitted, with no more than two attempts occurring on the same day;

(f) If the applicant is unable to pass the practical examination, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction or fire safety inspector as set forth in rule 4765-11-14 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for the fire safety inspector certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code.

(D) The reinstatement examination required for a fire safety inspector certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

(1) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the knowledge examination is

required for certification.

- (2) The knowledge examination required for fire safety inspector shall be passed within three attempts.
- (3) If the applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new course of instruction for fire safety inspector as set forth in rule 4765-11-14 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a fire safety inspector certificate as provided in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) The initial examinations required for a fire instructor certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination and instructional methods examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.
- (1) The knowledge examination for fire instructor shall meet the following:
- (a) The knowledge examination shall be taken prior to admission into a fire instructor course;
  - (b) The knowledge examination shall be taken at the firefighter II level;
  - (c) A passing score of at least eighty per cent on the knowledge examination is required for certification;
  - (d) If an applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall wait for a time period of six months and complete a new firefighter I training course as set forth in rule 4765-11-11 of the Administrative Code before attempting the examination again.
- (2) The instructional methods examination shall meet the following:
- (a) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for certification;
  - (b) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;
  - (c) If an applicant is unable to pass the instructional methods examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new fire instructor training course as set forth in rule 4765-11-15 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a fire instructor as set forth in rule 4765-21-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (F) The reinstatement examination required for a fire instructor certificate shall consist of the instructional methods examination established by the executive director, with

the advice and counsel of the committee.

- (1) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for reinstatement.
- (2) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts.
- (3) If an applicant is unable to pass the examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new fire instructor training course as set forth in rule 4765-11-15 of the Administrative Code and meet all criteria for a fire instructor as set forth in rule 4765-21-03 of the Administrative Code.

(G) The initial examinations required for a fire safety inspector instructor certificate shall consist of a knowledge examination and instructional methods examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

- (1) The knowledge examination for fire safety inspector instructor shall meet the following:
  - (a) The knowledge examination shall be taken prior to admission into a fire safety inspector instructor course;
  - (b) The knowledge examination shall be taken at the fire safety inspector level;
  - (c) If an applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall wait for a time period of six months and complete a new fire safety inspector instructor training course as set forth in rule 4765-11-14 of the Administrative Code before attempting the examination again.

(2) The instructional methods examination shall meet the following:

- (a) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for certification;
- (b) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;
- (c) If an applicant is unable to pass the examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new fire instructor training course and meet all criteria for a fire instructor as set forth in rule 4765-21-03 of the Administrative Code;

(H) The reinstatement examination required for a fire safety inspector instructor certificate shall consist of an instructional methods examination established by the

executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

(1) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the instructional methods examination is required for certification;

(2) The instructional methods examination required for certification shall be passed within three attempts;

(3) If an applicant is unable to pass the examination within three attempts, the applicant shall complete a new fire instructor training course and meet all criteria for a fire instructor as set forth in rule 4765-21-03 of the Administrative Code.

(I) The initial examination required for assistant fire instructor shall consist of a knowledge examination established by the executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee.

(1) The knowledge examination for assistant fire instructor shall be taken at the firefighter I or firefighter II level;

(2) A passing score of at least seventy per cent on the knowledge examination is required for certification;

(3) If an applicant is unable to pass the knowledge examination within three attempts, the applicant shall wait for a time period of six months and complete a new firefighter I training course as set forth in rule 4765-11-11 of the Administrative Code before attempting the examination again.

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