

4765-20-13

Firefighter continuing education.

(A) When applying for renewal of a volunteer firefighter or firefighter I certificate, an applicant shall meet one of the following continuing education requirements:

(1) An applicant who wishes to renew at the applicant's current certification level shall complete fifty-four hours of continuing education that is related to the fire service and approved by the applicant's fire chief or program director of a chartered program. Such continuing education courses may be completed through in-service training courses conducted by the applicant's affiliated fire department; or

(2) An applicant who is participating in a firefighter I or firefighter II transition course as set forth in rules 4765-20-14 or 4765-20-15 of the Administrative Code, as applicable, may count the hours toward the requirements in paragraph (A)(1) of this rule.

(B) When applying for renewal of a firefighter II certificate, an applicant shall complete fifty-four hours of continuing education that is related to the fire service and approved by the applicant's fire chief or program director of a chartered program. Such continuing education courses may be completed through in-service training programs conducted by the applicant's affiliated fire department.

(C) An out-of-state applicant or an applicant unaffiliated with an Ohio fire department has the following options for meeting the continuing education requirements as set forth in this rule:

(1) An applicant that resides in Ohio, but is not affiliated with an Ohio fire department, may complete continuing education through the following:

(a) Training approved by the applicant's fire chief;

(b) Continuing education courses approved by a program director of a chartered program;

(c) Fire service training received by any other entity approved by the executive director, including but not limited to, the following entities:

(i) "National Fire Academy;"

(ii) "Fire Department Instructors Conference;"

(iii) "Fire-Rescue International;"

(iv) "National Domestic Preparedness Consortium."

(2) An applicant that does not reside in Ohio and is not affiliated with an Ohio fire department may complete continuing education through the following:

- (a) Training approved by the applicant's fire chief;
- (b) Training from a fire training institution approved by the licensing agency in another state;
- (c) Training received by any other entity approved by the executive director, including but not limited to the following entities:
 - (i) "National Fire Academy;"
 - (ii) "Fire Department Instructors Conference;"
 - (iii) "Fire-Rescue International;"
 - (iv) "National Domestic Preparedness Consortium."

(3) Documentation of course completion shall be kept by the applicant.

(D) An applicant for renewal who has a firefighter certification cycle that is less than thirty-six months shall complete the pro-rated continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 4765-20-22 of the Administrative Code.

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