<u>4765-21-13</u> <u>Exemption for continuing education.</u>

[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this rule, see paragraph (CC) in rule 4765-11-01 of the Administrative Code.]

- (A) The executive director, with the advice and counsel of the committee, may grant an applicant for renewal of an instructor certificate a complete or partial exemption from compliance with the continuing education and instructional renewal requirements, as set forth in this chapter and in accordance with this rule.
- (B) Complete or partial exemptions may be granted for, but not limited to, the following reasons:
 - (1) The applicant is on active military duty:
 - (a) The applicant shall submit a completed "Exemption Request for Continuing Education" form. The request shall include the following:
 - (i) The continuing education or instructional renewal requirements for which an exemption is sought;
 - (ii) Justification for the exemption;
 - (iii) Signature of the certificate holder;
 - (iv) Proof of active military duty during the certification period for which the exemption is requested.
 - (b) A request for military exemption shall be submitted no later than eighteen months from discharge of active duty.
 - (2) The applicant has a medical hardship or unusual circumstances that impact the applicant's ability to comply with the continuing education or instructional renewal requirements for renewal of the fire service instructor training certificate.
 - (a) The applicant shall submit a completed "Exemption Request for Continuing Education" form. The request shall include the following:
 - (i) The continuing education or instructional renewal requirements for which an exemption is sought;
 - (ii) Justification for the exemption;
 - (iii) Signature of the certificate holder.
 - (b) A request for exemption shall be submitted to the division before the expiration date of the fire service instructor training certificate.

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(c) If a request for exemption is received after the expiration date of the instructor certificate, the executive director may consider the request if the executive director determines there are extenuating circumstances affecting either the submission of the request for exemption in a timely manner, or the ability of the certificate holder to comply with the continuing education requirements.

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