

Reciprocity Challenge Testing Information Firefighter I & II and Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations

Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence (AzCFSE)

Note: Please read carefully before submitting application so that no delays in processing occur.

Challenge testing is not available for individuals certified prior to the NFPA 472, 2008 Edition or NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition for Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations or NFPA 1001, 2008 Edition for Firefighter I & II.

To challenge the AzCFSE Firefighter I & II or Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations written and practical skills exams, the candidate must mail a completed application and required testing fees, to the address listed at the bottom of the application form. (See Page 4)

ONE of the following must also be included:

- Copy of a certification from another State, IFSAC or Pro Board entity, for the same level to be tested, which shows the applicable NFPA Standard/Edition for that level.
(Certifications must meet NFPA 472, 2008 Edition or NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition or later for Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations and NFPA 1001, 2008 Edition or later for Firefighter I & II, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal)
- **OR** The signature of a current, active Arizona Fire Chief. The candidate must be a member of the same department/organization as the Fire Chief and must also have a minimum of five years, **current** active duty in the fire service.

To request Challenge Testing for the following level(s), complete the application on page 4:

- **Firefighter I & II (Currently testing to the 2019 Edition of the NFPA 1001 Standard)**
 - If requesting to challenge the Firefighter I & II certification exam, the candidate must present a copy of a Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations certification which meets the 2017 Edition of the NFPA 1072 Standard, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal. Otherwise, it will be necessary to also challenge and successfully pass a Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations written and practical skills certification exam prior to receiving Firefighter certification.
- **Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations (Currently testing to the 2017 Edition of the NFPA 1072 Standard)**
 - **Important Note:** If requesting to challenge the Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations certification exam using an older edition of the NFPA 472 Standard, it will be necessary for the candidate to become familiar with the requirements of NFPA 1072:
 - The AzCFSE certification exam is based on a test bank correlated to the NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition and referenced to the following textbooks:
 - **Jones & Bartlett, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, 3rd Edition**
 - **IFSTA, Hazardous Materials for First Responders, 5th Edition**
 - The AzCFSE skill sheets are available on the Forms page at www.azfiretraining.org.

Instructions for Completing the Challenge Testing Application with Applicable Certifications

- 1) Fill out all information requested on the application. (*Page 4*)
- 2) Check the box or boxes on the application, indicating which levels the candidate is requesting for Challenge Testing.
 - a) **Note:** *If requesting to challenge the Firefighter I & II exam, candidates will also be required to challenge the Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations written and practical skills exams, unless a copy of a Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations certification is presented, which meets the 2017 Edition of the NFPA 1072 Standard, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal.*
- 3) Attach copies of applicable certifications issued by another state or other recognized entity, for the same level(s):
 - a) Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations Certification – Certificate must show that it meets NFPA 472, 2008 Edition or later, or NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition or later, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal.
 - b) Firefighter I & II Certification – Certificate must show that it meets NFPA 1001, 2008 Edition or later, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal.
- 4) Candidate must sign the application.
- 5) Include the \$125 **non-refundable** testing fee for each level requested.
- 6) Mail the completed application, with copies of certifications and testing fees, to the address listed at the bottom of the application form.
(Please do not include originals because they will not be returned)
- 7) Note that a candidate has two attempts to pass both the written and practical skills exam(s) for each level requested. If unsuccessful after two attempts, the candidate may complete another Challenge Testing application after a 90-day waiting period and pay the required testing fees to be eligible for additional attempts.
- 8) The Challenge Testing process must be completed within one year of receipt of the application.
- 9) Allow at least 45 days for processing and scheduling of requested exams. Note that practical skills exams will only be scheduled during a time when exams are occurring in the State. It may take additional time to find and schedule an exam during certain times of the year when exams are not taking place on a regular basis.

Instructions for Completing the Challenge Testing Application with an Arizona Fire Chief's Signature

- 1) This option is **ONLY** for those who do not currently have a certification which meets the requirements listed on Page 1.
- 2) Check the box or boxes on the application, indicating which levels the candidate is requesting for Challenge Testing. (*Page 4*)
 - a) **Note:** *If requesting to challenge the Firefighter I & II exam, candidates will also be required to challenge the Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations written and practical skills exams, unless a copy of a Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations certification is presented, which meets the 2017 Edition of the NFPA 1072 Standard, with either an IFSAC or Pro Board seal.*
- 3) Candidate must sign the application.
- 4) Obtain the signature of a current, active Arizona Fire Chief. The candidate must be a member of the same department/organization as the Fire Chief and must also have a minimum of five years, **current** active duty in the fire service. The Chief's signature will vouch for the candidate's competency and qualifications to be eligible to challenge the requested exam(s) for certification.
- 5) If using the Chief's Signature option, it will also be necessary for the candidate to complete the required written and practical skills exam(s).
- 6) Include the \$125 ***non-refundable*** testing fee for each level requested.
- 7) Mail the completed application, with Fire Chief's signature and testing fees, to the address listed at the bottom of the application form.
- 8) Note that a candidate has two attempts to pass both the written and practical skills exam(s) for each level requested. If unsuccessful after two attempts, the candidate may complete another Challenge Testing application after a 90-day waiting period and pay the required testing fees to be eligible for additional attempts.
- 9) The Challenge Testing process must be completed within one year of receipt of the application.
- 10) Allow at least 45 days for processing and scheduling of requested exams. Note that practical skills exams will only be scheduled during a time when exams are occurring in the State. It may take additional time to find and schedule an exam during certain times of the year when exams are not taking place on a regular basis.

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Candidate Name:		
Certification Levels Requested: (Written and practical skills exam required for each level)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter I & II - NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition (See prerequisite requirement – Pages 1 & 2) – \$125 Testing Fee <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations - NFPA 1072, 2017 Edition - \$125 Testing Fee		
Candidate Name: (As it may appear on previous certification records) <i>(if different than above)</i>		
Email Address:	Phone:	
Mailing address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Date of Certification:	IFSAC or Pro Board Seal #: (If applicable)	
State, Province, Country or Entity that Issued Certification(s):		
Entity Certification Contact Name:		Phone:
Entity Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
I authorize the entity that issued my certification(s), to release my course transcripts and/or certification records to the Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence (AzCFSE), for the purpose of verifying the information provided on this application. I understand that after all items referenced in this application are submitted and verified, I will have two attempts to take the written and practical skills exam(s), and if unsuccessful, I will be able to complete another Challenge Testing application, after a 90-day waiting period. I understand that Arizona certification will not be received until <u>after completing all requirements and successfully passing all AzCFSE written and practical skills exams required for the level(s) requested.</u>		
Candidate Signature _____		Date _____

Option for Arizona Fire Chief's Signature: In place of the required copies of certifications, a candidate may submit this form with a Chief's signature below: *(Must be an active Chief of a recognized Arizona Fire Dept)*

I, _____, (Print Chief's Name) do hereby affirm that,
 _____, (Print Candidate Name) has five years or more of current active duty in the fire service, is a member of my organization and demonstrates the required level of competency to test for the certification(s) requested on this form. I understand that the applicable written and practical skills certification exams must be passed in order to receive Arizona Certification, and if unsuccessful after two attempts, the candidate may complete another Challenge Testing application, after a 90-day waiting period, and pay the required testing fees to be eligible for additional attempts.

Chief's Signature _____ **Department** _____

Date _____ **Chief's Email Address** _____ **Phone** _____

A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE FOR EACH LEVEL REQUESTED MUST BE PAID BY DEPARTMENT CHECK, CASHIERS' CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO: AzCFSE.

Mail to: Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence (AzCFSE)
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Avondale, AZ 85323