

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE STANDARDS COUNCIL



PUBLIC FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification Program

Background

The increasing need for quality Public Fire and Life Safety Education professionals in Alaska led to the development of the certification process for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator. This certification program was approved by the Alaska Fire Standards Council in March 2006.

Certification Program

Based on the NFPA requirements of NFPA 1035, the Public Fire and Life Safety Educator certification program includes three levels: Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II and III. The definitions of each level are designated below.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I

A person who has demonstrated the knowledge and skills necessary to schedule, present and evaluate an education program for a variety of audiences.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II

A person who has demonstrated the skills and depth of knowledge necessary to develop presentations, analyze statistical information to select target groups, evaluate program status and write budget proposals.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III

A person who has demonstrated the skills and depth of knowledge necessary to develop training programs, assist with public policy issues and manage a Public Fire and Life Safety Education program.

Basic Requirements for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I

- a. Applicant must have completed a TEB approved Methods of Instruction Course.
- b. Applicant must be a certified Firefighter I or Rural Basic Firefighter.
- c. Applicant must successfully complete a TEB approved training program for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I.
- d. Applicant must successfully complete the TEB written with a score of 70% or more and practical exams for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II

- a. Applicant must be a certified Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I.
- b. Applicant must successfully complete a TEB approved training program of Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II.
- c. Applicant must successfully complete the TEB written with a score of 70% or more and practical exams for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II.

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III

- a. Applicant must be a certified Public Fire and Life Safety Educator II.
- b. Applicant must successfully complete a TEB approved training program for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III.
- c. Applicant must successfully complete the TEB written with a score of 70% or more and practical exams for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator III.

Approved Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Training Courses

To take the certification exam for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II or III, applicants must have completed a TEB approved training course. These training courses may be offered through TEB, through an accredited training program with an approved curriculum; or through other “stand alone” courses that have been prior approved by TEB. If a particular entity is interested in conducting a TEB approved course they must follow the requirements of the Accreditation and Course Approval manual. Applicants may not use courses for certification if the course has not received prior approval from The Training and Education Bureau.

Testing Elements for Certification

All applicants for certification must successfully complete both, a written exam with a score of 70% or more, and practical examination after completing the approved training course. The written exam for each level is a 50 multiple-choice questions based on NFPA 1035 (2005 ed.), and the IFSTA Fire and Life Safety Educator 2nd edition. The practical exam for each level follows the TEB approved skill sheets for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II or III.

Personal Background Checks

A criminal history background check is required for certification as a Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I, II or III. The Supervisor of the Training and Education Bureau will review the criminal history background check. The Supervisor will follow the criminal history background check requirements established by the Alaska Fire Standards Council.

Re-certification

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II or III certification will **NOT** require re-certification.

Reciprocity/Challenge

Reciprocity will be issued for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II and III. FSC will only give direct reciprocity to an individual who has received Public Fire and Life Safety Educator certification through an International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) or Professional Qualifications Board (ProBoard) accredited entity. Applicants for reciprocity must complete a FSC application for certification and must attach a copy of either their ProBoard or IFSAC certification for that level. On each certificate the seal number must be visible.

FSC will accept challenge applicants for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I, II or III, but this must be done through a locally accredited training program. To complete this challenge process the applicant must contact an accredited program and receive approval from the local training officer to enter their training program. Once the local training officer has signed off that the applicant is ready to take the state certification exam, they will be accepted into the next exam at that location. It is up to the local training officer to provide assurances that the applicant is ready to test. If successful the applicant will receive their certification through the accredited training program.

IFSAC Certification

The Public Fire and Life Safety Educator program is not certified by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Alaska Training and Education Bureau is hoping to receive accreditation in the future.

Conversion Program

There are a number of individuals in Alaska who have been involved in Public Fire and Life Safety Education for a long time. These individuals have attended training and have been conducting Public Fire and Life Safety Education meeting or exceeding the NFPA standards. A *Public Fire and Life Safety Educator Certification Conversion Program* has been designed that allows these individuals to certify without having to complete any additional training. Individuals interested in this conversion program must document past training and/or Public Fire and Life Safety Educator experience meeting the NFPA Standards. This past training and experience will be graded and the individual will be issued the appropriate certificate. This conversion program will only be available until December 31, 2007, after which a person must comply with the program, reciprocity and/or challenge requirements.