



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF FIRE, EMERGENCY AND BUILDING SERVICES
OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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SUBJECT: CHALLENGE EXAMINATION

PURPOSE:

To identify requirements for individuals wishing to become eligible for CT certification as a fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, fire inspector, fire safety code inspector, fire investigator and hazardous materials inspector.

POLICY:

Individuals seeking to become eligible for certification may qualify by successfully completing the state administered fire marshal training program, known the Pre-Certification Program or other program as deemed equivalent by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Individuals seeking eligibility for certification who have qualified through an equivalent program shall be identified as challenge exam candidates and shall file an application on forms prescribed by the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Individuals qualifying as challenge exam candidates for eligibility for certification shall take the standardized state certification examination.

Certification examinations shall be administered for the following fire officials:

- a) Fire Marshal
- b) Deputy Fire Marshal
- c) Fire Inspector
- d) Fire Safety Code Inspector
- e) Hazardous Material Inspector
- f) Fire Investigator

Individuals will be notified of their examination results in writing.

Upon successful completion of the certification exam for one or more of the above classes, individuals will be issued a certificate indicating that they are eligible to be certified.

Upon failure of the certification examination individuals will be provided an opportunity to retake the examination in no less than 30 days.

Individuals will be eligible to take the examination no more than 4 times in a two-year period.

If an individual fails the exam four times in a two year period and wishes to continue to pursue certification, they shall be required to meet the eligibility requirements by attending a state approved training program.