

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION ON FIRE FIGHTING
PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0360-02-01
CERTIFICATION OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

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0360-02-01-.01 LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

- (1) Fire Departments participating in the Commission programs will be approved by the Commission upon receipt of a properly signed application in a form provided by the Commission.
- (2) The fire department must commit that its programs meet or exceed the standards set forth in these rules and regulations.
- (3) All phases of the department training programs must meet or exceed the performance standards set forth in these rules and regulations.
- (4) Each participating fire department must have at least one person with an interim or permanent instructor certification.
- (5) If a course or program has not been properly submitted and certified by the Commission, persons completing such course or program will not receive credit from the Commission for having taken the course or program.

Authority: T.C.A. §§4-24-106 and 4-24-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990.

0360-02-01-.02 VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

- (1) If an institution wishes to have its courses certified, it must submit written descriptions of said courses to the Commission for consideration.
- (2) In order to receive course certification, the course content must be submitted, in writing, to the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to consideration by the Commission.
- (3) Courses in fire training must meet or exceed the applicable NFPA standard(s), include correlation to those standards, and be consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission.
- (4) Advanced courses and seminars in fire service, fire engineering or other advanced fire related training must be submitted to the Commission in sufficient detail to show adequacy of course content on the subject.
- (5) Any institution desiring to have a program (consisting of one or more courses or seminars) certified must:

(Rule 0360-02-01-.02, continued)

- (a) submit a detailed description of the program at least thirty (30) days prior to consideration by the Commission; and
 - (b) have each course or seminar certified by the Commission as set forth above; and
 - (c) show that at least 80% of the advanced courses and seminars set forth in 0360-02-01-.04 are included in the subject matter of proposed certified programs.
- (6) If a course or program has been properly submitted and certified by the Commission, persons completing such course or program will be given credit toward individual certification. Completion of unapproved courses or programs will not result in such credit.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(2), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-02-01-.03 SPECIAL COURSES AND PROGRAMS.

- (1) Any entity or organization not otherwise covered by these rules and regulations which offers special courses, programs, or seminars in fire related subjects may request approval of such offerings. Approval will be considered, giving due weight to course content and qualifications of instructors.
- (2) When coursework is submitted toward a level of certification, a correlation sheet showing how the coursework meets the appropriate NFPA standard must be attached. Coursework cannot substitute for the practical examination for levels of certification accredited by IFSAC.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(2), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 17, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-02-01-.04 REPEALED.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(2), 4-24-107 and 4-24-107(3). **Administrative History:** Original rule filed August 27, 1979; effective October 10, 1979. Amendment filed November 8, 1990; effective December 23, 1990. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

0360-02-01-.05 MINIMUM TRAINING.

- (1) (a) In order for the Commission to determine if a training is equivalent to a required training offered by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, a fire department seeking such determination of equivalency must submit:
 1. an outline of the training to be used;
 2. a correlation of the program to the applicable NFPA standards; and
 3. a correlation of the program to the class offered by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy.
- (b) A Commission-approved recruit training program shall be considered equivalent to the training courses offered by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy.
- (c) A fire department may use a previously approved training program on file with the Commission on approval of the Commission.

(Rule 0360-02-01-.05, continued)

- (2) Each Fire Department must submit proof of completion of each requirement for each fire fighter to the Commission. This requirement can be met by submitting:
 - (a) a copy of the fire fighter's certificate of completion issued by the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy; or
 - (b) a letter certifying completion of the requirement on departmental letterhead and signed by the instructor and the fire chief.
 - (c) Certification as Fire Fighter I shall be considered proof of a fire fighter's completion of a minimum sixteen (16) hours of initial training and basic and live fire training requirement.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-107(3) and 4-24-112. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.