

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

**CHAPTER 0360-02-02  
INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION**

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**0360-02-02-.01 INTERIM FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR.**

- (1) An individual from a participating fire department may apply to be classified by the Commission as an Interim Instructor. This Interim Instructor classification shall be valid for a period of three (3) years and cannot be renewed.
- (2) *Qualifications.* To qualify for Interim Instructor classification, an applicant must show to the satisfaction of the Commission that he/she:
  - (a) is a member of a participating fire department; and
  - (b) is recommended in writing by the TC, approved by a majority vote; and
  - (c) has served for a minimum period of three (3) years as a fire fighter in a department; and
  - (d) presently has, or will have full or part time training responsibilities in the department; and
  - (e) agrees to conduct training and examinations, maintain records, and submit reports as prescribed by the Commission.
- (3) The applicant must take the Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II examination within twelve (12) months of receiving his/her Interim Instructor Classification, and if unsuccessful, take it at least two (2) times each calendar year until a passing score is achieved, or if he/she so chooses, he/she may start at the Fire Fighter I level but must progress through the Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II level within a period of three (3) years.

**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. Amendment filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995. Amendments filed April 25, 2005; effective July 9, 2005.

**0360-02-02-.02 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR I.**

- (1) *Qualifications.* An applicant for Instructor I may be certified by the Commission provided the applicant can meet the following requirements and show to the satisfaction of the Commission that he/she:
  - (a) is a member of the participating fire department; and
  - (b) is recommended in writing by the TC, approved by a majority vote; and

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- (c) is certified as a Journeyman Fire Fighter/Fire Fighter II pursuant to Rule 0360-03-01-.03; and
- (d) has served for a minimum period of three (3) years as a fire fighter in a department; and
- (e) has satisfactorily passed the examination(s) given by the Commission; and
- (f) agrees to conduct training and examinations, maintain records, and submit reports in a manner prescribed by the Commission.

**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. Amendment filed October 14, 1994; effective February 28, 1995.

### 0360-02-02-.03 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR II.

- (1) Qualifications. An applicant for Instructor II may be certified by the Commission provided the applicant can meet the following requirements and show to the satisfaction of the Commission that he/she:
  - (a) is recommended in writing by the TC, approved by a majority vote; and
  - (b) has successfully completed all of the requirements of the Instructor I as prescribed in these rules and regulations; and
  - (c) has satisfactorily passed the examination(s) given by the Commission; and
  - (d) agrees to conduct training and examinations, maintain records, and submit reports as prescribed by the Commission.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(1), 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 8, 1990. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.

### 0360-02-02-.04 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR III.

- (1) Qualifications. An applicant for Instructor III may be certified by the Commission provided the applicant can meet the following requirements and show to the satisfaction of the Commission that he/she:
  - (a) is recommended in writing by the TC, approved by a majority vote; and
  - (b) has successfully completed all of the requirements of Instructor II as prescribed in these rules and regulations; and
  - (c) satisfactorily passed the examination(s) given by the Commission; and
  - (d) agrees to conduct training and examination(s), maintain records, and submit reports as prescribed by the Commission.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(1), 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.

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**0360-02-02-.06 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR.**

- (1) An applicant may be certified by the Commission as an instructor in a vocational school or institution of higher education, provided he/she can show to the satisfaction of the Commission that he/she has a sufficient combination of education and experience to qualify him/her to teach the subject matter. In the alternative, the applicant can qualify for certification by passing the Instructor I examination.
- (2) The applicant agrees to conduct training and examinations, maintain records, and submit reports as prescribed by the Commission.
- (3) The applicant provides information sufficient for the Commission to determine that applicant will utilize their certification at a specialized vocational school or institution of higher learning.
- (4) The certification shall list the names of the Commission-approved courses that may be taught.
- (5) This certification expires three (3) years from the date it was issued, but may be renewed.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-24-101, 4-24-106, 4-24-106(1), 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 8, 1990. Amendment filed December 14, 2009; effective March 14, 2010.