Progression in certification testing is defined as:

The 30-day waiting period is only in effect for those dependent levels of certification that require a prerequisite level of certification prior to testing at the desired level. Example: A test applicant must wait 30 days between Fire Instructor I and Fire Officer I because Fire Instructor I is a prerequisite for Fire Officer I. However, the applicant could test on the same day at different test events for both Airport Firefighter and Fire Officer I if the applicant meets the prerequisite requirements for each level. This is allowed because neither level is dependent on the other.

Policy 16-2

Retest are allowed in 15 days per 0360-04-01-.05

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CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

The Commission has implemented 28 levels of Certification. On the following pages please find a summary of the requirements and prerequisites for each level. It is important to note that this is a summary and you should be familiar with all of the Commission’s Rules and Polices found on our website. This would be a useful tool to use as a checklist to ensure all requirements are completed for each application you submit. If any applicant has a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act and would like to request an accommodation, the Request for Accommodation form must be completed and submitted to the commission office.

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/commerce/documents/fire_fighter_commission/certification_applications_forms/FireFFCAccommodationRequest.pdf
Hazardous Materials Awareness

• Applicant must complete a hands-on practical as prescribed by the Commission.
• The written Test for Hazardous Materials Awareness shall consist of a 50 question test based upon NFPA 1072.
• The practicals for Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, Fire Fighter I, and Fire Fighter II may be taken on the same day or taken separately.
• The Hazardous Materials Awareness test may be taken in conjunction with the Hazardous Materials Operations test are taken separately.

Reading List

IFSTA, Hazardous Materials for First Respondents, 5th Edition

Jones and Bartlett Learning, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, 3rd Edition

DOT, Emergency Response Guidebook, 2012 or 2016 Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, 3rd Edition

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Applicant must complete a hands-on practical as prescribed by the Commission.

The Hazardous Materials Operations test may be taken in conjunction with the Hazardous Materials Awareness test are taken separately. If the tests are taken together, the Hazardous Materials Operations test will be graded only if the applicant passes the Awareness level; if not, the Operations test will be destroyed.

The practical’s for Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Fighter I, and Fire Fighter II may be taken on the same day or taken separately.

**Reading List**


IFSTA, Hazardous Materials for First Respondents, 5th Edition

Jones and Bartlett Learning, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, 3rd Edition

DOT, Emergency Response Guidebook, 2012 or 2016 Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, 3rd Edition
Hazardous Materials Technician

- Certification as Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations is the required prerequisites.
- Applicant must complete a Commission approved Hazardous Materials Technician course.
- Applicant must complete a practical.
- The written test for Hazardous Materials Technician shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1072.

Reading List

IFSTA, Hazardous Materials Technician, 1st Edition


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Fire Fighter I

- Applicant must complete a hands-on practical as prescribed by the Commission before taking the written test.
- Applicant must complete a Live Fire Verification Sheet as prescribed by the Commission and attached to Acadis within 2 week deadline of the Written Exam. (Live burn within 3 years)
- The written test for Fire Fighter I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1001.
- A candidate must be certified at the Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations levels before being allowed to challenge the Fire Fighter I test.
- The practical for Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Fighter I, and Fire Fighter II may be taken on the same day or taken separately.
- Applicants must have completed a Commission approved domestic violence course of at least 2 hours within the previous three (3) years.
- Applicants must attach copies in Acadis of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100, and a current CPR card prior to the 2 week deadline of the written test. Applicant must have completed 16 hours of initial training, basic training, and live burn either through TFACA or completed Commission approved equivalent training to meet T.C.A. 4-24-112. (Firefighter I Local Verification Form).

Reading List


Jones and Bartlett, Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, 3rd Edition, 1st Printing

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Fire Fighter II

- Applicant must complete a hands-on practical as prescribed by the Commission.
- Applicant must complete a Live Fire Verification Form as prescribed by the Commission and attached to Acadis within 2 week deadline of the Written Exam. (Live burn within 3 years)
- The written test for Fire Fighter II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1001.
- The practical for Hazardous Materials Operations, Fire Fighter I, and Fire Fighter II may be taken on the same day or taken separately.
- Applicants must have completed a Commission approved domestic violence course of at least 2 hours within the previous three (3) years.
- Applicants must attach copies in Acadis of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100, and a current CPR card prior to the 2 week deadline of the written test.

Reading List


Jones and Bartlett, Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills, 3rd Edition, 1st Printing

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Airport Fire Fighter

- Certification as a Fire Fighter II is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Fighter II written test, prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Airport Firefighter.
- Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission.
- The written test for Airport Firefighter shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1003.
- Applicants must attach copies of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100 and the practical to Acadis within the 2 week deadline for the written test.
- A current copy of the applicant’s CPR Card must be attached to Acadis within the 2 week deadline for the written exam.
- Applicant must have completed an Airport Firefighter live burn and must be attached in Acadis 2 weeks prior to test event.

Reading List
- NFPA 1003, Airport Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, 2015 Edition
- IFSTA, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting, 6th Edition, 1st Printing

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Fire Department Instructor I

- Certification as a Fire Fighter II is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of Fire Fighter II prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Department Instructor I.
- A candidate must be in the fire service for three (3) years before being eligible to challenge this level of certification.
- Applicant must complete the “Fire Department Instructor I Practical Skills Checklist” and attach it to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the written test.
- The written test for Fire Department Instructor I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1041.
- Applicant must complete a Fire Department Instructor I course, that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.

Reading List

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th Edition, 1st Printing

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Service Instructor, Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition 1st Printing

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Fire Department Instructor II

- Certification as a Fire Department Instructor I is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of Fire Department Instructor I prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Department Instructor II.
- Applicant must complete the practical subject issued by the Coordinators. The practical can be done before or after the test.
- The written test for Fire Department Instructor II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1041.
- Applicant must complete a Fire Department Instructor II course that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.

Reading List

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th Edition, 1st Printing

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Service Instructor, Principles and Practice, 2nd Edition 1st Printing

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Fire Officer I

- Applicant must complete a Fire Officer I course, that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.
- Certification as a Fire Department Instructor I is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Department Instructor I written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Officer I.
- Applicant must complete a practical test. This can be done before or after the written test.
- The written test for Fire Officer I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1021.
- Applicants must show proof of completion of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100 and NIMS ICS 200 which is to be attached to Acadis by the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.

Reading List
NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Ed.

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 5th Edition, 1st Printing

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Officer, Principles and Practices, 3rd Edition

IFSTA, Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 7th Edition

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Fire Officer II

- Applicant must complete a Fire Officer II course that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.
- Certification as a Fire Officer I is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Officer I written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Officer II.
- Applicant must complete a workbook based upon the skills requirements of NFPA 1021. This can be done before or after the written test. The written test for Fire Officer II shall consist of a 100 question test NFPA 1021.
- Applicants must show proof of completion of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100 and NIMS ICS 200 which is to be attached in Acadis two weeks prior to the written test.

**Reading List**
NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Ed.

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 5th Edition, 1st Printing

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Officer, Principles and Practices, 3rd Edition

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Fire Officer III

- Applicant must complete a Fire Officer III course that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.
- Certification as a Fire Officer II is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Officer II written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Officer III.
- Applicant must complete a workbook based upon the skills requirements of NFPA 1021. This can be done before or after the written test. The written test for Fire Officer III shall consist of a 100 question test NFPA 1021.
- Applicants must show proof of completion of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100 NIMS ICS 200 and NIMS ICS 300 which is to be attached in Acadis two weeks prior to the written test.

Reading List
NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Ed.

IFSTA, Chief Officer, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Chief Officer, Principles and Practice, 1st Edition

Jones and Bartlett, National Incident Management System, 2nd Edition
Fire Officer IV

- Applicant must complete a Fire Officer IV course that is approved through the Commission per policy 15-1.
- Certification as a Fire Officer II is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Officer III written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Officer IV.
- Applicant must complete a workbook based upon the skills requirements of NFPA 1021. This can be done before or after the written test. The written test for Fire Officer IV shall consist of a 100 question test NFPA 1021.
- Applicants must show proof of completion of NIMS IS-700, NIMS ICS-100, NIMS ICS 200 NIMS ICS 300 and NIMS ICS 400 which is to be attached in Acadis two weeks prior to the written test.

Reading List

NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Ed.

IFSTA, Chief Officer, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Chief Officer, Principles and Practice, 1st Edition

Jones and Bartlett, National Incident Management System, 2nd Edition

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Incident Safety Officer

- Certification as a Fire Officer I is the required prerequisite. Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Officer I written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Safety Officer.
- Applicant must complete a practical test. This can be done before or after the written test.
- The Applicant must complete a Commission approved Incident Safety Officer Course.
- The written test for Safety Officer shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1521.

Reading List
NFPA 1521, Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications 2015 Ed.

Jones & Bartlett Fire Department Incident Safety Officer 3rd Edition
Pumper Driver Operator

• Certification as a Fire Fighter I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Fighter I written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Pumper Driver/Operator.
• Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission. In-House Practical which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.
• The written test for Pumper Driver/Operator shall consist of a 50 question test from chapter 4 and 50 question test from chapter 5 based upon NFPA 1002.
• Applicant must pass both exams to be certified.

Reading List

IFSTA, Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Pumper, Aerial, Tiller and Mobile Water Supply, 2nd Edition

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Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator

- Certification as a Fire Fighter I is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Fighter I written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator.
- Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission. In-House Practical which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.
- The written test for Aerial Apparatus Driver Operator shall consist of a 50 question test from chapter 4 and 50 question test from chapter 6 based upon NFPA 1002.
- Applicant must pass both exams to be certified.

Reading List

IFSTA, Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Pumper, Aerial, Tiller and Mobile Water Supply, 2nd Edition

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Fire Apparatus Operator

• This is a combined test of Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator and Pumper Driver Operator.
• An applicant may choose whether to take this combined test or the individual tests. Certification as a Fire Fighter I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission. In-House Practical PDO & AADO which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the written Test.
• The written test for Fire Apparatus Operator shall consist of a 50 question test from chapter 4, 50 question test from chapter 5 and 50 question test from chapter 6 based upon NFPA 1002.
• Applicant must pass all three exams to be certified.

Reading List

IFSTA, Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Pumper, Aerial, Tiller and Mobile Water Supply, 2nd Edition

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ARFF Driver Operator

- Certification as an Airport Fire Fighter is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Airport Fire Fighter written test prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for ARFF Driver/Operator.
- Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission. In-House Practical which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.
- The written test for ARFF Driver/Operator shall consist of a 50 question test from chapter 4 and a 50 question test from chapter 9 based upon NFPA 1002.
- Applicant must pass both exams to be certified.

Reading List


IFSTA, Pumping and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 3rd Edition

Jones and Bartlett, Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Pumper, Aerial, Tiller and Mobile Water Supply, 2nd Edition

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Wildland Firefighter I

- Certification as a Fire Fighter I is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Fighter I written test, prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Wildland Firefighter I.
- Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission OR complete the Tennessee Division of Forestry “Task Book for the Position of Firefighter Type 2”. The practical will need to be attached in Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline of the written test.
- The written test for Wildland Firefighter I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1051.
- Complete required training course(s) approved by the Commission for both WFF I & II. Required 7/1/2017
- Completion of the following National Wildfire Coordinating Group courses: https://onlinetraining.nwcg.gov/
  - S-130: Firefighter Training and S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
  - Or G-130 Wildland Training for Structural Firefighters – Instructor lead.
  - L-180: Human Factors on the Fireline
  - I-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, or an equivalent basic incident command system course such as NIMS IS-100
- This must be documented on file in Acadis

Reading List
NFPA 1051 WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2016 Edition
NWCG, Firefighter Training, S-130, 2003 Edition,
NWCG, Firefighter Training, S-190, 1994 Edition
NWCG, Fireline Handbook, NWCG , PMS 410-1, March 2004
NWCG, WFF II S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
ICS Orientation I-100, October 1994 ICS 94

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Wildland Firefighter II

• Certification as a Wildland Firefighter I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Wildland Fire Fighter I written test, prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Wildland Firefighter II.
• Applicant must complete a practical test issued by the Commission OR complete the Tennessee Division of Forestry “Task Book for the Position of Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss” The practical will need to be attached in Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline of the written test.
• The written test for Wildland Firefighter II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1051.

Reading List
NFPA 1051 WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS 2016 Edition
NWCG, Firefighter Training, S-130, 2003 Edition,
NWCG, Firefighter Training, S-190, 1994 Edition
NWCG, Fireline Handbook, NWCG , PMS 410-1, March 2004
NWCG, WFF II S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
ICS Orientation I-100, October 1994 ICS 94
Fire & Life Safety Educator I

• This is a stand-alone level of certification.
• Applicant must complete a practical test workbook and it must be attached in Acadis for review and grading. This can be completed before or after the written test.
• The written test for Fire and Life Safety Educator I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1035.

Reading List
NFPA 1035, Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, 2015 Edition

IFSTA, Fire and Life Safety Educator, 3rd Edition, 1st Printing

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th Edition, 1st Printing
Fire & Life Safety Educator II

• Certification as a Fire and Life Safety Educator I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of Fire and Life Safety Education I, prior to challenge the written test for Fire and Life Safety Educator II.
• Applicant must complete a practical workbook and it must be attached in Acadis for review and grading. This can be completed before or after the written test.
• The written test for Fire and Life Safety Educator II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1035

Reading List
NFPA 1035, Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, 2015 Edition

IFSTA, Fire and Life Safety Educator, 3rd Edition, 1st Printing

IFSTA, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th Edition, 1st Printing

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Fire Investigator

- This is a stand-alone level of certification.
- Applicant must complete a Commission approved Fire Investigator course.
- Applicant must complete a practical.
- The written test for Fire Investigator shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1033.

Reading List

NFPA 1033, Standard for Fire Service Investigator Professional Qualifications, 2014 Edition


IFSTA, Fire Investigator, 2nd Edition, 1st Printing

Brady, Prentice Hall, Kirk’s Fire Investigation, 7th Edition


Jones and Bartlett, Fire Investigator, Principles and Practices, 3rd Edition

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Fire Inspector I

- Certification as Hazardous Materials Awareness is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must complete a Commission approved Fire Inspector course.
- Applicant must complete a practical.
- The written test for Fire Inspector I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1031.

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Fire Inspector II

• Certification as Fire Inspector I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must complete a Commission approved Fire Inspector course.
• Applicant must complete a practical.
• The written test for Fire Inspector II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1031.

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Rope Rescue I

• Candidate must have documented proof of the following:
• Documented proof of certification at Fire Fighter I by the TN Fire Commission or by IFSAC or Pro-Board and Hazardous Materials First Responder at the Awareness and Operational levels.
• Candidate must have documented training in infection control, CPR, bleeding control, and shock management per NFPA 1001, Chapter 4. 18 years of age.
• Applicant must complete a Commission approved Rope Rescue I course.
• Applicant must complete a practical.
• The written test for Rope Rescue I shall consist of a 50 question test based upon NFPA 1006 Chapter 5 & a 50 question test based upon NFPA 1006 Chapter 6.
• Applicant must pass both exams to be certified.

Reading List
NFPA 1006, Standard for Rope Rescue Level, 2013 Edition
Jones & Bartlett High-Angle Rope Rescue Techniques: Levels I & II, 4th Ed.

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Rope Rescue II

• Candidate must have documented proof of the following:
• Documented proof of certification at Rope Rescue I by the TN Fire Commission or by IFSAC or Pro-Board and Hazardous Materials First Responder at the Awareness and Operational levels. Candidate must have documented training in infection control, CPR, bleeding control, and shock management per NFPA 1001, Chapter 4. 18 years of age.
• Applicant must complete a Commission approved Rope Rescue II course.
• Applicant must complete a practical.
• The written test for Rope II shall consist of a 50 question test based upon NFPA 1006 Chapter 6.

Reading List
NFPA 1006, Standard for Rope Rescue Level, 2013 Edition

Jones & Bartlett High-Angle Rope Rescue Techniques: Levels I & II, 4th Ed.

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Fire Safety Compliance Officer I

- Certification as a Fire Fighter I is the required prerequisite.
- Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Fighter I written test, or any other level of certification, prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Safety Compliance Officer I.
- Applicant must complete a practical test by participating in 8 inspections, two inspections of each of the four types of occupancy, with a Certified Inspector. In-House Practical which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.
- The written test for Fire Safety Compliance Officer I shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1031.

**NOTE:** THIS LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 68-120-113, THE STATE’S BUILDING AND FIRE CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING LAW.

Reading List
IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 7th Edition

NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector & Plans Examiner Professional Qualifications
Fire Safety Compliance Officer II

• Certification as a Fire Safety Compliance Officer I is the required prerequisite.
• Applicant must wait 30 days after completion of the Fire Safety Compliance Officer I written test, or any other level of certification, prior to being eligible to challenge the written test for Fire Safety Compliance Officer II.
• Applicant must complete a practical test by participating in 8 inspections, two inspections of each of the four types of occupancy, with a Certified Inspector. In-House Practical which is to be attached to Acadis prior to the 2 week deadline for the Written Test.
• The written test for Fire Safety Compliance Officer II shall consist of a 100 question test based upon NFPA 1031.

NOTE: THIS LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF T.C.A. 68-120-113, THE STATE’S BUILDING AND FIRE CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING LAW.

Reading List
IFSTA Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 7th Edition

NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector & Plans Examiner Professional Qualifications

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