

NEW MEXICO FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING ACADEMY

CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY AND EQUIVALENCY POLICY

Reciprocity is the awarding of New Mexico certification without any required testing to those individuals who have been certified at an occupational level by another IFSAC-accredited entity. The New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy will examine such certification credentials and may issue New Mexico certification if the following conditions are met:

1. Applicant is a current resident of New Mexico and/or a member in good standing of a New Mexico Fire Department.
2. A copy of the certificate with an IFSAC seal and authenticating number verifies current certification. The seal and number must be readable and intact.
3. Applicant must submit documentation verifying completion of any prerequisites required by the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy for the occupational level in which reciprocity is sought.
4. The occupational level of the applicant's current certification must also be accredited in New Mexico by IFSAC.

Any candidate who has previously failed either a written or skills New Mexico certification exam shall not be eligible for reciprocity for that occupational level. Reciprocity will only be granted for the NFPA edition of the original certificate. **Reciprocity will only be considered for the last two revision cycles.**

For reciprocity consideration, a reciprocity application, the applicable fee, and supporting documentation for prerequisite satisfaction must be submitted for review. The applicant will be notified in writing of the decision.

Equivalency is the recognition of an individual's training or certification by an entity not accredited by IFSAC as being equal to an occupational level certified by the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy. Such recognition may be used for satisfying any prerequisites for enrollment in an NMFTA course or qualification for taking a certification exam. Upon written request, equivalency may be granted if the following conditions are met:

1. Proof of equivalent training must be supplied*.
2. Training must meet NFPA requirements of level sought.
3. Request may require curriculum outlines and course objective for documentation.
4. Certificates must be authenticated by the issuing agency.
5. Firefighters seeking to upgrade their professional level must meet all current prerequisites for the occupational level sought.

**Recognition of equivalency shall be at the discretion of the Authority Having Jurisdiction*



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RECIPROCITY APPLICATION

Please Type or Print Legibly

Name:		
Name as it may appear on certification records <i>(if different from above)</i> :		
SSN or ID#	Phone:	
Address <i>(current residence)</i> :		
City:	State:	Zip:
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
New Mexico Fire Department Membership <i>(if applicable)</i> :		
Department:		
Address:		
Occupational Level Requested:		
Current IFSAC Seal Number:	Date of Certification:	
State, Province or Country that issued Certification(s):		
Entity Certification Contact:	Phone:	
Entity Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
I authorize the entity that issued my certification(s) to release my course transcripts and/or certification records to the New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy for the purpose of verifying the information provided on this application.		
_____		_____
<i>Signature</i>		<i>Date</i>