



Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board

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Fire Instructors & Training Officers Assoc. of Minnesota

RECIPROCITY POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board to examine the certification credentials of individuals certified by other accredited entities to determine which level of certification, if any, is applicable. Individuals certified by either NFPA Pro Board or IFSAC entities may be granted equivalence for their level of certification. To be considered, documentation of current certification on which reciprocity is being requested must be submitted to the Executive Director of the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board for approval.

Documentation Criteria:

1. Either a **Pro Board or IFSAC Seal must be affixed/printed on the certificate provided.**
2. If the submitted Certificate date is older than 3 years from the date of the Reciprocity Application, Reciprocity cannot be granted.
 - a. Exception: Applicant must be employed in the fire service and provide an attestation letter from the Chief or Chief Executive attesting to the candidate having met all training/certification requirements of that organization for the previous 3 years.
 - b. In no case can an individual receive reciprocity for certifications older than 6 years from the date of application for Reciprocity. If older, individuals seeking Minnesota Fire Service Certification must complete the testing process in order to be granted a Minnesota Certification.

Example: Joe is seeking Minnesota Fire Service Certification and makes application on 3-1-2016. Joe was granted FFII from New Hampshire on 1-1-2014. Since this is within the three year window of time, Joe would need to complete the application, provide a copy of a Certificate that has either an IFSAC seal affixed or the Pro Board logo printed; and provide for payment.

If Joe's certificate was dated 1-1-2013, he would need attestation of training for years of service. If the certificate is dated 12-31-2009 or older, Joe would have to successfully test to acquire Minnesota Certification. See the Recertification Application for further instructions.

The cost is \$100 for the first discipline, \$50 for subsequent with a maximum \$250.

You must supply copies of the pre-requisite certification for each request. For example: If you require Firefighter II Certification you need to supply copies of your Firefighter I, 1001 HazMat Operations and Firefighter II Certifications.

We do not re-issue certificates. Your information is entered in the Minnesota Database and a Minnesota card is mailed to the location designated on the Application Form.

Please submit both the Reciprocity Application and copies of your certificates.