

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES

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Notice of Intent

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168(a) of the *Connecticut General Statutes* (CGS) the **Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection** hereby gives notice that it proposes to adopt a regulation concerning **Fire Fighter Qualifications and Certification Policy and Procedures Rules and Regulations**.

Comment period (See CGS section 4-168(a)(1)(A))

A comment period of not less than thirty days shall begin upon posting of this notice to the eRegulations System website and shall end on **November 1, 2025**.

Detailed description of the proposed regulation. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(B))

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), through the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, proposes amendments to Sections 7-323I-1a through 7-323I-24a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. These revisions are necessary to ensure that Connecticut's fire service certification framework remains aligned with current national standards and reflects the operational realities of modern fire service. Specifically, the proposed regulation adopts updated editions of key National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, including but not limited to NFPA 470, 1010, 1020, and 1030. In addition to technical corrections and definitional clarifications, the regulation introduces new certification categories such as "live fire instructor" and "live fire instructor in charge," and formally incorporates the use of a Commission-approved Learning Management System (LMS) for certification tracking and compliance. The proposed regulation also institutes substantive changes to the certification examination process, including the establishment of a 12-month completion window for all examination components, the allowance of unlimited reexaminations within that period, and the ability to retake only failed sections of multi-part written exams. These changes are designed to improve procedural fairness, reduce administrative burden, and enhance the integrity of the certification process. The regulation further modernizes the appeals process by replacing outdated mail-based notifications with LMS-based grade entries and clarifies the qualifications required of lead instructors and evaluators.

Statement of the purposes for which the regulation is proposed. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(C))

The purpose of the proposed regulation is to align Connecticut's fire service certification standards with updated NFPA qualifications, clarify eligibility, introduce new instructor roles, and formalize use of a Learning Management System. It also streamlines examination procedures to support a modern, accountable certification process.

Statutory authority (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(D))

Conn. Gen Stats. Sec. 7-323I(b)

When, where and how to obtain a copy of the small business impact statement and, if applicable, the regulatory flexibility analysis required pursuant to Sec. 4-168a. (See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(E))

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Legal Affairs Unit, located at 1111 Country Club Rd, Middletown, CT 06457, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at (860)685-8150, or by viewing the same by

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When, where and how interested persons may present their views on the proposed regulation

(See CGS Sec. 4-168(a)(1)(F))

All interested parties who wish to submit comments, data, views, or arguments may do so in writing up through the closing date of the comment period listed above. Such written materials should be directed to Colin Milne, Assistant Legal Director, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and sent via:

1. Postal Mail to Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Legal Affairs Unit, 1111 Country Club Rd., Middletown, CT 06457.

2. Electronic submission through the e-Regulations portal on the website of the Secretary of State:
<https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/ProposedRegulations>

3. email to DESPP.Legal@ct.gov

4. CFPC October 28, 2025 Meeting, 9:30 AM

Commission on Fire Prevention and Control Commission Conference Room
Connecticut Fire Academy, Administration Building
34 Perimeter Road Windsor Locks, CT 0609

Colin Milne

10/01/2025

(signature)
Colin Milne
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