Maintenance

(1)(a) The Training Officer must verify that individuals have successfully performed essential functions for each certification through service delivery (see OAR 259-009-0005(29)), task performance (see OAR 259-009-0005(31)), or sufficient education or training hours to verify each member's certification pursuant to OAR 259-009-0065(2). Any certificate not verified by the agency will be recalled.

(b) Verification that maintenance requirements have been completed must be submitted to the Department by December 31st of every even year.

(2) Maintenance requirements must be demonstrated by completing any combination of one or more of the following:

(a) Service Delivery;

(b) Task Performance;

(c) Education;

(d) Training.

(3) Operation Track:


(b) If the Training Officer chooses to verify maintenance requirements through training or education, the maintenance requirements for the Operation Track is sixty (60) hours completed annually.

(4) Instructor Track

(a) Instructor I, II and III certification levels must complete maintenance requirements for Instructor Track.
(b) If the Training Officer chooses to verify maintenance requirements through training or education, the maintenance requirements for the Instructor Track is four (4) hours completed annually.

(5) Prevention/Public Education/Administration Track

(a) NFPA Public Fire/Life Safety Educator I, NFPA Public Fire/Life Safety Educator II, Public Fire/Life Safety Educator III, NFPA Public Information Officer, NFPA Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist I, NFPA Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist II, NFPA Fire Officer III, NFPA Fire Officer IV, Investigator, Wildland Investigator, NFPA Fire Inspector I, NFPA Fire Inspector II, NFPA Fire Inspector III certification levels must complete maintenance requirements for Prevention/Public Education/Administration Track.

(b) If the Training Officer chooses to verify maintenance requirements through training or education, the maintenance requirement for the Prevention/Public Education/Administration Track is twelve (12) hours completed annually.

(6) A Fire Service Professional certified and performing duties in more than one track must complete the maintenance requirements for each track.

(7) A minimum passing score of 70 percent must be achieved for any level of certification that requires completion of a written test.

(8) Failure to notify the Department that the Fire Service Professional's maintenance requirements have been completed will result in a warning notification letter being sent to the agency head and the Training Officer.

(a) A three (3) month extension will be automatically authorized if requested in writing.

(b) Failure to complete maintenance requirements and submit the completed appropriate form, after the warning notification letter and before the three (3) month extension has expired, will result in the recall of the Fire Service Professional's certification.

(c) Subject to Department approval, re-certification following a recall may be obtained by submitting the following:

(A) The employing agency head must request certification, and submit documentation explaining why the maintenance requirements were not completed or verified; and

(B) Submit verification that the maintenance requirements have been completed.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 181.640
Stats. Implemented: ORS 181.640
Hist.: DPSST 8-2004, f. & cert. ef. 4-23-04; DPSST 2-2006, f. & cert. ef. 1-24-06
Lapsed Certification

(1) All levels of certification of any fire service professional shall be considered lapsed if the individual has not been utilized as such for more than twelve (12) consecutive months.

(2) A fire service professional whose certification has lapsed may apply for re-certification upon re-utilization as a fire service professional:

(a) The fire service professional must complete a Department task book, task performance evaluation or approved training;

(b) Upon successful completion of the appropriate testing or evaluation, as verified by the signature and recommendation of the agency head or designee, the fire service professional whose certification has lapsed, may request reinstatement of his/her certification. The request must be made to the Department by submitting the appropriate form.

Stats. Implemented: ORS 181.652, 181.653 & 181.667
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