

DoD Certification Program



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SUBJECT: DOD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO EACH FIRE DEPARTMENT IN YOUR RESPECTIVE COMPONENT OR COMMAND AND ASK THEM TO PROVIDE A COURTESY COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO THEIR UNIT TRAINING MANAGERS, WHERE APPLICABLE.

2. **VIRTUAL DOD CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATE INITIATIVE:** TO PROVIDE BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE, SAVE MONEY AND CAPITALIZE ON TECHNOLOGY, THE DOD FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION ADMINISTRATION CENTER IS WORKING ON AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO PRINT THEIR CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATES DIRECTLY FROM THE WWW.DODFFCERT.COM WEB SITE. IN THE FUTURE, THE CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATION RECORD LOCATED ON THE DOD LOOKUP SITE WILL BE HOT LINKED TO A VIRTUAL CERTIFICATE THAT CAN BE PRINTED LOCALLY OR SAVED AS A PDF FILE. ONCE THIS CAPABILITY IS AVAILABLE, WE WILL NO LONGER MAIL HARD COPIES OF THE CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATES TO CUSTOMERS. OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE THIS CAPABILITY IMPLEMENTED BY 1 JUN 04. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS INITIATIVE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AN AGENCY-GRAM AND POSTED ON THE DOD NEWS AND UPDATE PAGE.

3. **FULLY INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA TRAINING CERTIFICATION COURSES:** WE HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS CONVERTING OUR TRADITIONAL PAPER-BASED COURSES INTO FULLY INTERACTIVE TRAINING COURSES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DRIVER OPERATOR – PUMPER, DRIVER OPERATOR - ARFF, FIRE INSTRUCTOR I, AND HAZMAT SERIES COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS FORMAT AND THE FIRE INSPECTOR I COURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JUN 04. WE ARE ALSO WORKING ON THE FIRE OFFICER I COURSE AND EXPECT THIS COURSE TO BE RELEASED THIS WINTER. TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THESE COURSES, FIREFIGHTERS MUST FORMALLY ENROLL IN THE COURSES THROUGH THE AIR FORCE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING (AFIADL). BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THESE COURSES, TAKING THE KNOWLEDGE BASED FINAL EXAM AND COMPLETING THE REQUIRED PERFORMANCE TESTS, STUDENTS WILL BECOME DOD CERTIFIED.

A. THESE INTERACTIVE COURSES STANDARDIZE TRAINING ACROSS THE DOD AND ELIMINATE THE NEED TO PURCHASE COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS. ALL INFORMATION THE STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO LEARN IS INCLUDED IN THE COURSEWARE. WHEN THE STUDENT ENROLLS IN THE COURSE THEY RECEIVE THEIR OWN PERSONAL COPY OF THE COURSEWARE THAT CAN BE COMPLETED ON OR OFF DUTY.

B. AF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS STUDYING FOR PROMOTIONS WILL ALSO FIND THESE COURSES HELPFUL. NOW THAT EVERYONE IN THE AF HAS NEW MULTIMEDIA TRAINING COMPUTERS, WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN THE MULTIMEDIA VERSIONS OF THE COURSES SO WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON OUR INVESTMENT. IN THE FUTURE, AF MILITARY MEMBERS IN UPGRADE TRAINING WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN THE MULTIMEDIA VERSION OF THE COURSES. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE ADDED TO THE FIRE PROTECTION CAREER FIELD EDUCATION AND TRAINING PLAN.

C. TO CLARIFY STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS, THE COURSE NUMBERS, FORMAT OPTIONS AND APPLICABLE FINAL EXAMS ARE EXPLAINED BELOW. BEFORE ENROLLING IN COURSES WITH COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAMS, CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL TEST CONTROL FACILITY TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE COMPUTER-BASED TESTING CAPABILITY:

DRIVER OPERATOR – PUMPER (10023) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – PUMPER (10023G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – PUMPER (10023M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – PUMPER (10023S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – ARFF (10027) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – ARFF (10027G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – ARFF (10027M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

DRIVER OPERATOR – ARFF (10027S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I (10411) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I (10411G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I (10411M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSTRUCTOR I (10411S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSPECTOR I (10311) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSPECTOR I (10311G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSPECTOR I (10311M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL EXAM

FIRE INSPECTOR I (10311S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT AWARENESS (47201) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT AWARENESS (47201G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT AWARENESS (47201M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT AWARENESS (47201S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT OPERATIONS (47202) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT OPERATIONS (47202G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT OPERATIONS (47202M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT OPERATIONS (47202S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (47203) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (47203G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (47203M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-BASED FINAL
■ EXAM

HAZMAT TECHNICIAN (47203S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-BASED
■ FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT INCIDENT COMMANDER (47205) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A PAPER-
■ BASED FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT INCIDENT COMMANDER (47205G) PAPER-BASED COURSE WITH A
■ COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT INCIDENT COMMANDER (47205M) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A PAPER-
■ BASED FINAL EXAM

HAZMAT INCIDENT COMMANDER (47205S) MULTIMEDIA COURSE WITH A COMPUTER-
■ BASED FINAL EXAM

4. TELECOMMUNICATOR AND DRIVER OPERATOR - MOBILE WATER SUPPLY

GRANDFATHERING ENDS ON 31 JUL 04: THIS IS A REMINDER THAT TELECOMMUNICATOR AND DRIVER OPERATOR MOBILE WATER SUPPLY GRANDFATHERING PACKAGES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DOD FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION ADMINISTRATION CENTER BY 31 JUL 04. THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING THESE PACKAGES ARE POSTED AT WWW.DODFFCERT.COM UNDER THE NEWS AND UPDATES. PACKAGES THAT ARRIVE AFTER THE 31 JUL 04 DEADLINE WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION.

5. **DOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RECIPROCITY PROVISION:** THE DOD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM RECOGNIZES AND ACCEPTS CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATES FROM ANY ENTITY ACCREDITED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE ACCREDITATION CONGRESS (IFSAC) OR THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SYSTEM (NPQS) ONLY IF THE DOD EMPLOYEE HAS SATISFIED THE APPLICABLE PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATION LEVEL(S). EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED IFSAC OR NPQS ACCREDITED COURSES CAN REQUEST DOD EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATES UNDER THE RECIPROCITY PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. THE CERTIFICATE(S) BEING SUBMITTED TO THE DOD ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR RECIPROCITY MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE IFSAC

OR PRO-BOARD SEAL ON THEM OR THEY WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT ACTION. THE DOD FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CERTIFICATION CERTIFICATES FOR COMPLETING NON-ACCREDITED TRAINING.

6. GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS ABOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S TRAINING PROGRAMS: THE CALIFORNIA SPECIALIZED TRAINING INSTITUTE IS NOW PRO-BOARD (NPQS) CERTIFIED FOR THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CERTIFICATION LEVELS SPECIFIED IN NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARDS (NFPA) 472 AND 473. THE SPECIFIC LEVELS ARE LISTED ON THE PRO-BOARD WEB SITE AT WWW.THEPROBOARD.ORG/AGENCIES/CSTI.HTM. NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THE DOD IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO GRANT RECIPROCITY FOR THE CALIFORNIA FIRE FIGHTER I PROGRAM, FIRE FIGHTER II WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PERFORMANCE TESTING, FIRE INSTRUCTOR I FOR COMPLETING THEIR INSTRUCTOR 1A/1B COURSES AND FIRE OFFICER I FOR COMPLETING THEIR COMMAND 1A/1B COURSES. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE TO BECOME ACCREDITED FOR THESE LEVELS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GRANT RECIPROCITY. THIS POLICY CHANGE IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN IFSAC ACCREDITATION FOR THE DOD FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION SYSTEM.

7. DOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM END-OF-COURSE TESTING: WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH STUDENTS TAKING THE WRONG FINAL EXAMS AT AFIADL (FORMERLY THE EXTENSION COURSE INSTITUTE) TEST CONTROL FACILITIES. SPECIFICALLY, STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENROLLED IN THE PAPER-BASED VERSION OF THE FINAL EXAM HAVE BEEN TAKING THE COMPUTER-BASED FINAL EXAM, WHICH CAUSES THEIR SCORES NOT TO BE POSTED. AFIADL HOLDS THE STUDENT AND THE TEST CONTROL OFFICER EQUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STUDENT TAKING THE INCORRECT EXAM AND THEIR OFFICIAL POLICY REQUIRES THE STUDENT TO RETAKE AND PASS THE CORRECT FINAL EXAM. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVERS TO THIS POLICY. TO THAT END, WE NEED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING OFFICERS, UNIT TRAINING MANAGERS, TEST CONTROL OFFICERS SUPERVISORS AND THE STUDENTS HELP TO MAKE SURE THEY TAKE THE CORRECT EXAM.

8. DOD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MULTIMEDIA TRAINING COURSE UPDATE: WE ARE UPDATING THE HAZMAT AWARENESS, OPERATIONS, TECHNICIAN AND INCIDENT COMMANDER MULTIMEDIA TRAINING COURSES TO MEET THE CURRENT EDITION OF NFPA 472, STANDARD ON PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONDERS. THESE UPDATED COURSES ALONG WITH A NEW HAZMAT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SUPPORT MATERIAL CD WILL BE RE-RELEASED IN JUNE 2004. COPIES OF THE APPLICABLE COURSES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT TO ALL DOD FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE AIR FORCE SECURITY FORCES, MEDICS, READINESS, AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL FLIGHTS.

9. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING CONFERENCE: THIS YEAR'S DOD AND INTERNATIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TRAINING CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE 2-6 JUN 04, IN HUNT VALLEY, MD. THIS CONFERENCE PROVIDES OUR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WITH A VALUABLE AND UNIQUE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY AND EXPOSES OUR PEOPLE TO THE LATEST TRENDS AND INNOVATIONS IN HAZMAT RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES AND STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT. IT ALSO PROVIDES EACH OF OUR READINESS AND FIRE PROTECTION FLIGHTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REWARD THEIR HAZMAT TRAIN-THE-TRAINERS WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROVIDING QUALITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING AT THEIR HOME DUTY STATION. ONCE AGAIN, HQ AFCESA/CEXF WILL SERVE AS THE LIAISON FOR THE DOD DAY ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON 2 JUN 04. WE ARE CURRENTLY FINALIZING THE DOD DAY AGENDA AND WILL HAVE IT POSTED ON THE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (IAFC) AND HQ AFCESA WEB SITES SOON. REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE IAFC WEB SITE AT WWW.IAFC.ORG. THIS CONFERENCE FILLS UP QUICK SO PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REGISTER.

10. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL MESSAGE TO OUR CORPORATE EMAIL BOX AT CDCHELP@TYNDALL.AF.MIL. YOU CAN ALSO CALL OUR POCS MSGT CRAIG HALL, MSGT STEVE FOSTER, MR. JIM PODOLSKE OR THE NEW AIR FORCE FIRE PROTECTION CAREER FIELD MANAGER, CMSGT DAVID MOUNSEY AT DSN 523-6221, 6158, 6321 OR 6442, RESPECTIVELY.