



Appendix A

Provincial Recognition of Training

This document is an appendix to the Evaluation and Certification Guide published by the Saskatchewan Office of the Fire Commissioner. Use this appendix in conjunction with the Guide.



Saskatchewan Fire Service Evaluation and Certification Guide

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Introduction

Fire departments and fire fighters across Saskatchewan provide a wide variety of emergency services and at varying levels of technical expertise geared to meet the needs and risks identified within the community. In some communities, training, certification and professional designation under a NFPA Standard is a requirement for all fire fighters. In others, training and qualification of fire fighters is geared towards meeting the tasks they are required to perform and not necessarily to meeting all of the requirements of NFPA Standards.

Training is critical to ensuring the health and safety of the fire fighter and to ensuring the fire fighter and fire department can provide an adequate level of protective services to the community. It is strongly believed that individuals should receive recognition for their accomplishments and for their efforts to provide a valuable service to their community. However, International Certification is based upon a standard that may not be applicable for every fire fighter in every community. It is believed that asking the fire fighter to train to meet a standard that may not be entirely applicable to them is a waste of resources that could be better allocated.

In light of these facts, the Office of the Fire Commissioner offers two different types of certificates that recognize the accomplishments of the individual fire fighter - **International Certification** and **Provincial Recognition of Training**. The first identifying that a fire fighter has meet the requirements of a standard, the second identifying the fire fighter has met the requirements of the fire protection service for the community.

Provincial Recognition of Training

Recognition of training is available to every fire fighter in Saskatchewan and is based upon the fire fighter accomplishing a satisfactory level of training to enable them to perform the tasks they are expected to perform as a member of their fire department. Certificates are issued from the Office of the Fire Commissioner based upon the recommendation of a Fire Department Chief, Fire Service Instructor or other recognized municipal authority.

To gain a Certificate for Provincial Recognition of Training:

1. The fire fighter should have received training based upon the standards established by the fire department and community.
2. The fire fighter should be able to perform expected tasks in a manner that is satisfactory to the standard established by the fire department.
3. The fire department should maintain records of training for the individual fire fighter to demonstrate their participation and successful completion of the training program.
4. The Fire Chief, Fire Service Instructor or recognized municipal authority must complete a list of persons who meet the criteria and submit it to the Office of the Fire Commissioner to receive certificates.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner reserves the right to review an application under the Provincial Recognition of Training Certificate program to the criteria identified above.

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Industrial Fire Fighters

Industrial fire fighter training groups requested a system of certification that identified an individual had received training covering a number of fundamental objectives. The certificate would allow for recognition of a uniform training curriculum by industrial fire protection brigades within Saskatchewan.

The Basic Industrial Fire Fighting Skills certificate identifies that the individual has received adequate training in the following subject areas:

- a) Fire Fighter Orientation and Safety
- b) Fire Behaviour
- c) Personal Protective Equipment
- d) Portable Fire Extinguishers
- e) Rescue and Extrication
- f) Ground Ladders
- g) Ventilation
- h) Water Supply
- i) Fire Hose
- j) Fire Streams
- k) Fire Control

To gain a Certificate for Basic Industrial Fire Fighting Skills:

1. The individual should have received training based upon the fundamental objectives identified above.
2. The individual should be able to perform expected tasks in a manner that is satisfactory to the employer and the industrial fire brigade.
3. The employer should maintain records of training for the individual to demonstrate their participation and successful completion of the training program.
4. The Fire Brigade Chief, Instructor or recognized authority must complete a list of persons who meet the criteria and submit it to the Office of the Fire Commissioner to receive certificates.

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