



Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

STATE CERTIFIED AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER

Certification/Compliance Information

Airport firefighter means any person assigned to any airport located in this state that performs the duties of aircraft fire fighting or rescue.

Airport means any airport located in this state, which has regularly scheduled commercial air carrier service, or commuter airline service as required for certification under Section 139.49 of the Federal Aviation Administration regulations.

Anyone employed or who seeks a state certificate, as an Airport Firefighter must meet the following qualifications:

1. At least 18 years of age;
2. Not have been convicted of a felony within 10 years prior to employment;
3. Have good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure approved by the council;
4. Be fingerprinted and a search made of local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record;
5. Be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination and successfully pass the minimum physical agility requirements as established by the council;
6. Possess, or achieve within 12 months after employment, a high school diploma or a general education development equivalency.
7. Successfully challenge the Georgia Airport Firefighter Certification Examination

Minimum Training:

The minimum training requirement for state certified airport firefighter is the Georgia Basic Airport Rescue Firefighter Training Course or accepted equivalent.

Airport Firefighter Re-certification Procedure:

Airport Firefighter re-certification will consist of two components:

1. **A demonstration of certain core skills/knowledge** to maintain proficiency and
2. **A continued training/education component** to advance an airport firefighter's level of knowledge and ability.

The **core competency** portion would be subject to the following conditions:

1. The competencies, as specified by GFSTC, would be based on objectives found in the Georgia Basic Airport Firefighter Training Course, based upon NFPA 1003, Airport Firefighter Professional Qualifications. All non-core exempt firefighters are required to demonstrate/perform the specified competencies annually.
2. The local department shall determine the method for completion of the competencies. Methods may include drills, training based scenarios, check-off exercises.
3. The local fire department is to notify GFSTC annually of those individuals who have completed the core competencies.
4. GFSTC may verify completion of competencies by conducting skills tests at fire departments as is deemed necessary.
5. Fire service members may be designated by the local fire chief as **core exempt** and are not required to complete core competencies but do have additional annual training requirements.

The **continued annual training** component is subject to the following conditions:

1. Every non-core exempt airport firefighter, in addition to annual completion of core competencies, is required to complete a minimum of 24 hours relevant training at a class/training session **pre-accepted** by GFSTC.
2. Core exempt fire service members are not required to complete annual core competencies but are required to complete **40 hours** of training at a classes/training sessions **pre-accepted** by GFSTC.
3. The local fire chief may choose **not** to designate anyone as core exempt and select to complete the same requirements as non-core exempt personnel.

Training that is conducted to meet the re-certification requirements must be conducted in a professional organized manner and meet specific criteria defined by GFSTC.

Recognition of Airport Firefighter Incumbents –

Until 12/31/2006:

1. Anyone who has been performing the duties of an Airport Firefighter prior to 07/01/2005 and who has completed the employment requirements specified is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Airport Firefighter and will be issued a certificate as such.
2. Anyone who has completed the Georgia Basic Airport Firefighter course and passes the Airport Firefighter certification examination and who has completed the employment requirements specified is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Airport Firefighter and will be issued a certificate as such.

Airport Firefighter Training and testing requirements beginning 01/01/2007:

Option A:

1. Completed the Georgia Basic Airport Firefighter course.
2. Challenges and passes the Airport Firefighter certification examination within one year prior to the date of certification.

3. If the date of completion of the Georgia Basic Airport Firefighter course is in excess of 60 months or prior to 07/01/2005, (which ever is the lesser), the candidate must:
 - a. Present proof of an average of 24 hours per year of accepted Airport Firefighter training.

OR

- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Airport Firefighter Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as an Airport Firefighter.

Option B:

1. Completed training as determined by the Georgia Airport Firefighter Review Committee as equal to or exceeding the Georgia Basic Airport Firefighter course.
2. Challenges and passes the Airport Firefighter certification examination within one year prior to the date of certification.
3. If the date of completion of the equivalent training course is in excess of 60 months or prior to 07/01/2005, (which ever is the lesser), the candidate must:
 - a. Present proof of an average of 24 hours per year of accepted Airport Firefighter training.

OR

- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Airport Firefighter Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as an Airport Firefighter.

Georgia Airport Firefighter Review Committee:

The Georgia Airport Firefighter Review Committee shall function with an advisory capacity to Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council and consist of subject matter experts such as representatives from the following:

- Georgia State Fire Marshal or his/her representative.
- Georgia Fire Academy Director or his/her representative.
- County “Airport” Fire Department Fire Chief or his/her representative.
- City/Municipal “Airport” Fire Department Fire Chief or his/her representative.
- Representative of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Representative of the Airline Pilots Association
- Georgia ARFF Technical Committee Chair or his/her representative.