



## **Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council**

### **STATE CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTOR**

#### **Certification/Compliance Information**

Effective July 1, 2004, anyone employed by a recognized and certified fire department as a Fire Inspector must meet the employment and training requirements as established by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. Individuals may seek recognition as a Fire Inspector providing he/she is registered with GFSTC as a volunteer or part-time firefighter and is a member of a certified fire department, or is employed by a city, county or state governmental entity. The following describes those requirements as approved by the Council.

1. Anyone employed or who seeks a state certificate, as a Fire Inspector must meet the following qualifications:
2. Be at least 18 years of age.
3. Not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction within ten years prior to employment/appointment.
4. Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure approved by the council. The same procedure for determining good moral character for firefighters will be used for Fire Inspectors as well.
5. Be fingerprinted and a search made of local, state, and national fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record.
6. Possess or achieve within 12 months after employment/appointment a high school diploma or a general education development equivalency.
7. Complete a Fire Inspector I basic training course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy or accepted equivalent.
8. Successfully challenge the Georgia Fire Inspector Certification examination.

#### **Fire Inspector Re-certification Procedure:**

The Fire Inspector should demonstrate the ability to perform basic inspector skills, which is reported to this agency by one of two methods. Fire departments may indicate on the GFSTC report that the Inspector has performed basic inspector skills (core competencies) during the calendar year or submit a letter under the signature of the Fire Chief or his/her designees stating these skills have been demonstrated. In addition, the Inspector must have a minimum of 24 hours of training in relevant GFSTC accepted training program(s) annually.

## **Recognition of Inspector Incumbents –**

### **Until 12/31/2006:**

1. Anyone who has been performing the duties of a Fire Inspector prior to 07/01/2004 and has completed the employment requirements specified and holds a certificate from at least 1 (one) of the following is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Fire Inspector and will be issued a certificate as such.
  - NPQ certified Fire Inspector
  - ICC certified Fire Inspector
  - SBCCI certified Fire Inspector
  - NFPA certified Fire Inspector
2. Anyone who has completed the Fire Inspector I course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy and passes the Fire Inspector certification examination and has completed the employment requirements specified is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Fire Inspector and will be issued a certificate as such.

### **Inspector Training and testing requirements beginning 01/01/2007:**

#### Option A:

1. Completed the Fire Inspector I Course taught by the Georgia Fire Academy.
  2. Challenges and passes the Fire Inspector certification examination within one year prior to the date of certification.
  3. If the date of completion of the Fire Inspector I Course is in excess of 60 months or prior to 07/01/2004, (which ever is the lesser), the candidate must:
    - a. Present proof of an average of 24 hours per year of accepted Fire Inspector training.
- OR
- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Fire Inspector Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as a Fire Inspector.

#### Option B:

1. Completed training as determined by the Georgia Fire Inspector Review Committee as equal to or exceeding the Fire Inspector I Course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy.
  2. Challenges and passes the Fire Inspector 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 07/01/2004, (which ever is the lesser), the candidate must:
    - a. Present proof of an average of 24 hours per year of accepted Fire Inspector training.
- OR
- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Fire Inspector Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as a Fire Inspector.

**Georgia Fire Inspector Review Committee:**

The Georgia Fire Inspector 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 Fire Department fire inspector.
- City/Municipal Fire Department fire inspector.
- County government fire inspector.
- City/Municipal government fire inspector.
- Georgia Fire Inspector Association President or his/her representative.