



Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council

STATE CERTIFIED FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR Certification/Compliance Information

Effective July 1, 2004, anyone employed by a recognized and certified fire department as a Fire and Life Safety Educator must meet the employment and training requirements as established by the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council. Individuals may seek recognition as a Fire and Life Safety Educator 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 and Life Safety Educator 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 and never convicted of a felony for a crime against a minor.
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 and Life Safety Educators 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 and Life Safety Educator Course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy or accepted equivalent.
8. Successfully challenge the Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator certification examination.

Fire and Life Safety Educator Re-certification Procedure:

The Fire and Life Safety Educator should demonstrate the ability to perform basic educator skills, which is reported to this agency by one of two methods. Fire departments may indicate on the GFSTC report that the Educator has performed basic educator 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 Educator must have a minimum of 24 hours of training in relevant GFSTC accepted training program(s) annually.

Recognition of Educator Incumbents –

Until 12/31/2006:

1. Anyone who has completed the current Fire and Life Safety Educator I Course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy and has been performing the duties of an Educator since 07/01/2004 and has completed the employment requirements specified is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Fire and Life Safety Educator and will be issued a certificate as such.
2. Anyone who has completed the Fire and Life Safety Educator I course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy and passes the Fire and Life Safety Educator certification examination and has completed the employment requirements specified is deemed as having met the initial requirements for Fire and Life Safety Educator and will be issued a certificate as such.

Educator training and testing requirements beginning 01/01/2007:

Option A:

1. Completed the Fire and Life Safety Educator I Course taught by the Georgia Fire Academy.
2. Challenges and passes the Fire and Life Safety Educator certification examination within one year prior to the date of certification.
3. If the date of completion of the Fire and Life Safety Educator 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 and Life Safety Educator training.

OR

- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as a Fire and Life Safety Educator.

Option B:

1. Completed training as determined by the Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator Review Committee as equal to or exceeding the Fire and Life Safety Educator Course as taught by the Georgia Fire Academy.
2. Challenges and passes the Fire and Life Safety Educator 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 and Life Safety Educator training.

OR

- b. Present documentation to the Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator Review Committee requesting acceptance recommendation through a combination of training and/or experience as a Fire and Life Safety Educator.

Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator Review Committee:

The Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator 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 and life safety educator.
- City/Municipal Fire Department fire and life safety educator.
- Georgia Fire and Life Safety Educator Association President or his/her representative.