Firefighter

Control and extinguish fires, protect life and property, and maintain equipment as volunteers or paid employees of city, township, state, or federal government. Required certification applies to only full-time career firefighters who are employed as a member of a fire department. There are no state training or certification requirements for call and volunteer firefighters.

**Legislation**
Statute: NH RSA 21-P:12-a  
Administrative Rules: Chapter Fire 100 - 900

**Certification Requirements**
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be of good character
- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must pass medical and physical fitness requirements
- Must complete a criminal background check — no felony convictions
- Must pass an oral interview
- Complete a program of fire training within the first year of hire as a career firefighter

**Examination**
- Physical agility test

**Continuing Education**
Not required

**Reciprocity**
Permitted, with individual review of out-of-state credentials

**Active Licenses**
Firefighters are not licensed, but full-time career firefighters are certified within the first year of hire. There are approximately 1,400 career firefighters in New Hampshire.

**Related Training**
Fire Science/Firefighting

**Regulatory Agency**

**Bureau of Fire Training and Administration**
Division of Fire Standards and Training  
and Emergency Medical Services
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**Fees**

| Firefighter I and II Certification | $5,000.00 |

**O*Net Codes**

| 33-2011.01 | Municipal Firefighters |

**Additional Information Sources**

- National Volunteer Fire Council  
  <www.nvfc.org>
- US Fire Administration  
  <www.usfa.fema.gov>

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