

# 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  
New Hampshire Department of Safety  
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## Fees

Firefighter I and II Certification . . . . . \$5,565.00

## O\*Net Codes

33-2011.01 Municipal Firefighters

## Additional Information Sources

National Volunteer Fire Council  
<[www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org)>

US Fire Administration  
<[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)>