

Georgia Firefighter Recommendation Guide

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	<i>Certified Level Firefighter</i>	<i>Basic Level Firefighter</i>	<i>Support Level Firefighter</i>
Written Exam	GA (NFPA 1001)	Basic (NFPA 1001 as defined by Council)	Support
Administered by:	GFSTC	GFSTC	Dept
Practical Exam	21 LSS	21 LSS	Support Skills
Administered by:	Fire Chief (or Designee)	Fire Chief (or Designee)	Fire Chief (or Designee)
Applicant Information Sheet	Yes	Yes	Yes
Personal History Release Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Certificate	Yes	Yes	Yes
Criminal Background Check	Fingerprints or Background	Background	Background
Good Moral Character Form	Yes	Yes	Yes
Medical Affidavit	Yes	Baseline	Baseline
Physical Agility Form	Yes	Yes	Base
HS Diploma/GED	Yes	Recommended	No
Records	GFSTC	GFSTC/Dept	GFSTC/Dept
Timeframe	12 months	24 months	12 months

Courses

- Taught to achieve objective completion of course requirements

- Certified – Georgia Certified Firefighter Training Course (NFPA 1001, Council approved edition, with modifications and/or amendments)
- Basic – A Basic Firefighter Training Course (NFPA 1001, Council approved edition with modifications and/or amendments)
- Support – A Support Firefighter Course

Written Exam

- Certified – Written Exam administered by GFSTC or designee (NFPA 1001, Council approved edition, modifications and/or amendments)
- Basic – Written Exam administered by GFSTC or designee (NFPA 1001, Council approved edition, modifications and/or amendments)
- Support – Written exam administered by the Chief or Designee in accordance the level of material in the Support Firefighter Course

Practical Exam

- Certified and Basic– 21 Life Safety Skills derived from the certified and basic firefighter training course
 - **GA Firefighter Evaluator Course
- Support Firefighter – Support Skills
 - As taught in the Support Firefighter Course

**Practical Exam to be administered by the Chief of the Department or their designee. The Chief or Designee will have to take the Georgia Firefighter Evaluators Course (an online and classroom version will be available). This will allow the Chief or Designee to validate the practical skills of their personnel only. Candidates who wish to take NPQ practical's and successfully complete them will meet this same level.

Applicant Information Sheet

- To be completed for Certified, Basic and Support. This allows the Firefighters information to be entered into GFSTC system.

Personal History Release Form

- To be completed for Certified, Basic and Support. This allows personal history to be released as needed for all levels.

Birth Certificate

- Copy to be required for Certified, Basic and Support. (minimum age requirement is 18)* or other Council approved forms of proof

Criminal Background Check

- Certified – Currently requires fingerprints for Federal and State background checks. Option for criminal background only has been discussed. GCIC, NCIC and military (if applicable) required
- Basic and Support– Would require criminal background check from local law enforcement. GCIC, NCIC and military (if applicable) required
- Military DD214

Good Moral Character Form

- To be required for Certified, Basic and Support.

Medical Affidavit

- Certified –Medical Affidavit.
- Basic and Support– Baseline Statement to be completed by Physician or Nurse or EMT. Baseline medical information to include:
 - Applicable Medical History
 - Baseline Vital Signs (Heart Rate, Respiratory Rate and Blood Pressure)

- Certified – Current Physical Agility Test and Form
- Basic – Current Physical Agility Test and Form
- Support – Affidavit of completion of Basic Skills conducted in Support Firefighter Training.

High School Diploma

- Certified – Current requirement for High School Diploma
- Basic – Recommend High School Diploma, no requirement
- Support – No High School Diploma required

Records

- Certified – Firefighter Certification Package kept on file at department, Request for Certification Form sent to GFSTC for Certification. Notice of Appointment or Employment sent to GFSTC within 90 days of start
- Basic – Firefighter Registration Package kept on file at department, Request for Registration Form sent to GFSTC for Registration. Notice of Appointment Form sent to GFSTC within 90 days of start
- Support – Firefighter Support Package kept on file in Fire Department, Notice of Appointment Form sent to GFSTC within 90 days of start

Timeframe

- Certified – 12 months from start date to complete
- Basic – 24 months from start date to complete with options of requesting and extension with due cause
- Support – 12 months from start date to complete

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These proposed revisions to the requirements would not take effect until a date after January 1, 2012. This would allow department's ample time to transition to the proposed revisions.

Current Certified Firefighters, Registered Volunteers and Support Firefighters in place prior to January 1, 2012 would be maintained at their appropriate level. The changes would only effect Firefighters who desire to become Certified, Basic or Support after January 1, 2012.