

Saskatchewan Evaluation and Certification Guide

Appendix A

Provincial Recognition of Training

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This document is an appendix to the Evaluation and Certification Guide. Use this appendix in conjunction with the Guide.

Introduction

This appendix details the Provincial Recognition of Training certification program offered by SPSA. It is part of the Saskatchewan Evaluation and Certification Guide. The Guide is on our website.

Fire departments and fire fighters across Saskatchewan provide a wide variety of emergency services and at varying levels of technical expertise geared to meet the needs and risks identified within the community. In some communities, training, certification and professional designation under a NFPA Standard is a requirement for all fire fighters. In others, training and qualification of fire fighters is geared towards meeting the tasks they are required to perform and not necessarily to meeting all of the requirements of NFPA Standards.

Training is critical to ensuring the health and safety of the fire fighter and to ensuring the fire fighter and fire department can provide an adequate level of protective services to the community. Training to perform the tasks a fire fighter will be expected to provide is also a requirement of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) regulations.

Particularly in volunteer and paid-on-call departments individuals should receive recognition for their accomplishments and for their efforts to provide a valuable service to their community. Although international certification is a preferable goal, it is not always possible given limitations in personnel availability and budget resources. Many departments see locally provided training based on established curriculums is the best approach. To meet the needs for formal recognition of training Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) offers Provincial Recognition of Training certificates.

Provincial Recognition of Training

Recognition of training is available to every fire fighter in Saskatchewan and is based upon the fire fighter accomplishing a satisfactory level of training to enable them to perform the tasks they are expected to perform as a member of their fire department. Certificates are issued from the Office of the Fire Commissioner based upon the recommendation of a Fire Department Chief, Fire Service Instructor or other recognized municipal authority.

To gain a Certificate for Provincial Recognition of Training:

1. The fire fighter should have received training based upon the standards established by the fire department and community.
2. Teaching should be based on published resources like IFSTA's Essentials of Fire Fighting.
3. The fire fighter should be able to perform expected tasks in a manner that is satisfactory to the standard established by the fire department.
4. The fire department should maintain records of training for the individual fire fighter to demonstrate their participation and successful completion of the training program.
5. The Fire Chief, Fire Service Instructor or recognized municipal authority must complete a list of persons who meet these criteria and submit it to SPSA to receive certificates.

SPSA reserves the right to review an application under the Provincial Recognition of Training Certificate program and may ask for additional information or an audit of training records.

The last page of this appendix may be duplicated and submitted to gain certificates.

Industrial Fire Fighters

Industrial fire brigades are eligible to enter an IFSAC certification program for any of the Standards listed in the Evaluation and Certification Guide. The Guide is on our website.

Industrial fire fighters may apply for Basic Industrial Fire Fighting Skills certificate if they chose not to go through the IFSAC certification program. These certificates allow for recognition of a uniform training curriculum by industrial and private fire protection brigades in Saskatchewan.

The Basic Industrial Fire Fighting Skills certificate identifies that the individual has received adequate training in the following subject areas:

- Fire Fighter Orientation and Safety
- Fire Behaviour
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Rescue and Extrication
- Ground Ladders
- Ventilation
- Water Supply
- Fire Hose
- Fire Streams
- Fire Control

To gain a Certificate for Basic Industrial Fire Fighting Skills:

1. The individual should have received training based upon the fundamental objectives identified above.
2. Teaching should be based on published resources like IFSTA's Essentials of Fire Fighting.
3. The fire fighter should be able to perform expected tasks in a manner that is satisfactory to the standard established by the employer and the industrial fire brigade.
4. The employer must maintain records of training for the individual to demonstrate their participation and successful completion of the training program.
5. The Fire Brigade Chief, Instructor or recognized authority must complete a list of persons who meet the criteria and submit it to SPSA to receive certificates.

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Fire Department or Brigade: _____

Name <i>(Write name as you wish it to appear on the certificate).</i>	Address <i>(Complete Street/Box #, Municipality, Postal Code)</i>	Phone Number	E-Mail Address

The above named fire fighters have successfully completed training as per Appendix A of the Evaluation and Certification guide in:

(Briefly describe program: fire fighting skills, basic industrial fire fighting skills, etc.)

Fire Chief, Fire Service Instructor

Signature

Date