



## Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control

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### Informational Memorandum 17-01

TO: Colorado Fire and Emergency Services

FROM: Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control (DFPC)

DATE: July 1, 2017

RE: Reciprocity Process

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The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control no longer issues accredited Colorado certifications for individuals seeking reciprocity from accredited entities. All individuals seeking State of Colorado certification will be required to successfully pass a written examination and psychomotor skills examination. Individuals seeking reciprocity from the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (“DFPC”/”Division”) must be a current resident of the State of Colorado and/or affiliated with a Colorado Emergency Services Organization.

DFPC shall examine all requests for equivalent reciprocal certification to candidates who are certified by other International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (“IFSAC”) and/or National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications (“ProBoard”) accredited entities to determine if the certification is applicable in Colorado. This reciprocity policy applies to DFPC certification levels accredited by IFSAC and/or ProBoard.

Effective July 1, 2017 applicants requesting reciprocity from the State of Colorado may be granted a “Colorado Non-Accredited Certification” by CDFPC after fulfilling the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be a current resident of Colorado (Copy of driver’s license to verify residency) or affiliated with a Colorado Emergency Services Agency.
2. The applicant must submit a completed DFPC Reciprocity/Non-accredited Certificate Application.
3. Pay a non-refundable processing fee of \$40.00 for each level of recognition desired.
4. Possess a valid accredited certificate from IFSAC or Pro Board by providing a copy of the eligible certificate with IFSAC seal number or Pro Board seal to include accredited prerequisite certificates.
5. The applicant’s certification must have been received through a testing process to include both a written and practical and not a grandfathering or historical recognition process.
6. An applicant that is issued a “Colorado Non-Accredited Certification” will allow the applicant to test into the State of Colorado certification system at his/her current level or the next highest level.
7. This “Colorado Non-Accredited Certification” is valid for three years from the time of issue and cannot be renewed.
8. Once the candidate has begun the accredited certification testing process, their certification testing must be completed in one year.
9. The applicant meets all requirements set forth by the DFPC certification policies and procedures.

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10. The applicant must pass both the written and psychomotor examinations, when required for the certification level they are requesting. The examinations must be administered by a Colorado State certified proctor during a properly requested practical exam.
  11. For firefighter I, II and Fire Officer I levels, the applicant must also successfully complete a live burn practical examination that must be administered by a Colorado State certified proctor.