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CONSULTATION DRAFT

ONTARIO REGULATION

to be made under the

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION ACT, 1997

FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION

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Definition

1. In this Regulation,

“NFPA” means the National Fire Protection Association.

Mandatory certification

2. (1) Every municipality, and every fire department in a territory without municipal organization, must ensure that its firefighters perform a fire protection service set out in Column 1 of Table 1 only if, on or after the corresponding day specified in Column 3 of that Table,

- (a) the firefighter performing the fire protection service is certified, at a minimum, to the corresponding certification standard set out in Column 2 of that Table; or
- (b) this Regulation provides that the certification standard referred to in clause (a) does not apply with respect to the firefighter.

(2) The certification must be,

- (a) provided by the Fire Marshal; or

- (b) an accreditation from the International Fire Safety Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), or a Pro Board seal, that is recognized by the Fire Marshal as equivalent to the certification provided by the Fire Marshal.

Exceptions

3. (1) A certification standard set out in item 1 or 2 of Table 1 does not apply with respect to a firefighter who,

- (a) is performing a service that is within the scope of that item;
- (b) has been a firefighter for no more than 24 months; and
- (c) is operating under the supervision of a firefighter certified to that standard.

(2) A certification standard set out in Column 2 of Table 1 does not apply with respect to a firefighter who is,

- (a) temporarily assigned to perform a different fire protection service for which a different minimum certification is required; and
- (b) operating under the supervision of a firefighter who has obtained the certification corresponding to the fire protection service or services being delivered.

(3) If a firefighter was previously certified under this Regulation for an item listed in Table 1, that certification continues to be valid even if the requirements for obtaining that certification are subsequently updated or changed.

Transition

4. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a certification standard set out in item 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 or 18 of Table 1 does not apply with respect to a firefighter if the Fire Marshal issues the firefighter a letter of compliance with the certification standard in accordance with this section.

(2) The Fire Marshal shall issue a letter of compliance with a certification standard to a firefighter if,

- (a) the firefighter has been performing the fire protection service that the standard corresponds to since at least,
 - (i) January 1, 2021, in the case of a certification standard set out in item 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 or 7,

- (ii) January 1, 2020, in the case of a certification standard set out in item 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15, or
 - (iii) January 1, 2019, in the case of a certification standard set out in item 17 or 18;
- (b) before September 30, 2023, the firefighter's municipality, or fire department in an area without municipal organization, provides the Fire Marshal with information, such as training records, to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal that the firefighter, through past training and experience, has obtained the requisite knowledge and requisite skills associated with the corresponding standard; and
- (c) the Fire Marshal is satisfied with the information provided under clause (b).

Commencement

5. [Commencement]

TABLE 1
MANDATORY CERTIFICATION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Item	Column 1 Fire protection service	Column 2 Minimum Certification Standard	Column 3 Compliance Deadline
1.	Firefighter Exterior Attack: Fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 4 (Firefighter I) and Chapter 5 (Firefighter II): 4.1, 4.2, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.6, 4.3.7, 4.3.8, 4.3.10 (A1-A9, B1-B3, B4 (exterior stairway), B5-B10), 4.3.15, 4.3.16, 4.3.17, 4.3.18, 4.3.19, 4.3.20, 4.3.21, 4.5 5.1, 5.2, 5.3.1, 5.3.2 (A1-A4), 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.4.2, 5.5.3	July 1, 2026
2.	Firefighter Exterior Attack and auto extrication: Fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only and auto extrication rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 1 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 5 (Firefighter II): 5.4.1	July 1, 2026
3.	Firefighter Exterior Attack and hazardous materials response: Fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only and Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Item 1 and all job performance requirements of NFPA 1072, "Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications", 2017 Edition, Chapter 5 (Operations).	July 1, 2026
4.	Firefighter Exterior Attack, auto extrication and hazardous materials response: Fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only, automobile extrication rescue and Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Items 1, 2 and 3.	July 1, 2026

5.	Firefighter Interior Attack: Fire suppression operations that enter the interior of the building and can perform rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 1 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 4 (Firefighter I) and Chapter 5 (Firefighter II): 4.3.4, 4.3.9, 4.3.10 (A10-A11, B4 (interior stairway), B11), 4.3.11, 4.3.12, 4.3.13, 4.3.14 5.3.2 (A5-A9, B1-B6)	July 1, 2026
6.	Firefighter Interior Attack and auto extrication: Fire suppression operations that enter the interior of the building and can perform rescue and automobile extrication rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 5 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 5 (Firefighter II): 5.4.1	July 1, 2026
7.	Firefighter Interior Attack and hazardous materials response: Fire suppression operations that enter the interior of the building and Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Item 5 and all job performance requirements of NFPA 1072, "Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications", Chapter 5 (Operations).	July 1, 2026
8.	Firefighter Interior Attack, auto extrication and hazardous materials response: Fire suppression operations that enter the interior of the building and can perform rescue, automobile extrication rescue and Operations-level hazardous materials response (full service firefighter).	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 5 (Firefighter II).	July 1, 2026
9.	Team Lead Exterior Attack: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only.	All job performance requirements in Item 1 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
10.	Team Lead Exterior Attack and auto extrication: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only or that provide auto extrication rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 2 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
11.	Team Lead Exterior Attack and hazardous materials response: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only or that provide Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Item 3 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
12.	Team Lead Exterior Attack, auto extrication and hazardous materials: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the exterior of the building only or that provide automobile extrication rescue or Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Item 4, and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026

13.	Team Lead Interior Attack: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the interior of the building and can perform rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 5 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
14.	Team Lead Interior Attack and auto extrication: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the interior of the building and can perform rescue or that provide automobile extrication rescue.	All job performance requirements in Item 6 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
15.	Team Lead Interior Attack and hazardous materials response: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the interior of the building and can perform rescue or that provide Operations-level hazardous materials response.	All job performance requirements in Item 7 and the following job performance requirements of NFPA 1021, "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I): 4.1.1, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.4, 4.4.5, 4.5.3, 4.6, 4.7.1, 4.7.3	July 1, 2026
16.	Team Lead Interior Attack, auto extrication and hazardous materials response: Supervision of firefighters that provide fire suppression operations from the interior of the building and can perform rescue or that provide automobile extrication rescue or Operations-level hazardous materials response (full service fire officer).	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1021 "Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Officer I).	July 1, 2026
17.	Pump Operations: Operation of a pumper apparatus without driving the apparatus, or where the apparatus does not require a class D licence.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1002, "Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications", 2017 Edition, Chapter 5 (Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump), without pre-requisites in Chapter 4.	July 1, 2026
18.	Pump Operations: driver: Driving and operating a pumper apparatus that requires a class D licence.	All job performance requirements in NFPA 1002 "Standard for Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications", 2017 Edition, Chapter 5 (Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump).	July 1, 2026
19.	Fire Prevention/Inspection: conducting fire and life safety inspections.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1031, "Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Inspector I).	July 1, 2026
20.	Fire Investigator: conducting fire cause and origin investigations.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1033, "Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator", 2014 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire Investigator).	July 1, 2026
21.	Fire and Life Safety Educator: providing fire and life safety education.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1035, "Standard on Fire and Life Safety Educator, Public Information Officer, Youth Firesetter Intervention Specialist, and Youth Firesetter Program Manager Professional Qualifications", 2015 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire and Life Safety Educator).	July 1, 2026
22.	Training Officer: providing training and education to other fire personnel.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1041, "Standard for Fire and Emergency Services Instructor Professional Qualifications", 2019 Edition, Chapter 4 (Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I).	July 1, 2026

23.	Emergency Communicators: taking emergency calls.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1061, “Standard for Public Safety Telecommunications Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2018 Edition, Chapter 4 (Public Safety Telecommunicator I).	July 1, 2026
24.	Incident Safety Officers: undertaking the primary role of incident safety officer at emergency calls.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1521, “Standard for Fire Department Safety Officer Professional Qualifications”, 2020 Edition, Chapter 5 (Incident Safety Officer).	July 1, 2026
25.	Hazardous Materials Response — Operations Mission Specific Level: responding to emergencies involving hazardous materials at the Operations Mission Specific Level.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1072, “Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications”, Chapter 6 (Operations Mission Specific)	July 1, 2026
26.	Hazardous Materials Response — Technician Level: responding to emergencies involving hazardous materials at the Technician Level.	All job performance requirements of NFPA 1072, “Standard for Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personnel Professional Qualifications” Chapter 7 (Hazardous Materials Technician).	July 1, 2026
27.	Rope Rescue — Operations: rope rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 5 (Rope Rescue) (Operations): 5.2	July 1, 2028
28.	Rope Rescue — Technician: rope rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 5 (Rope Rescue) (Technician): 5.3	July 1, 2028
29.	Structural Collapse — Operations: structural collapse rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 6 (Structural Collapse Rescue) (Operations): 6.2	July 1, 2028
30.	Structural Collapse — Technician: structural collapse rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 6 (Structural Collapse Rescue) (Technician): 6.3	July 1, 2028
31.	Confined Space — Operations: confined space rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 7 (Confined Space Rescue) (Operations): 7.2	July 1, 2028
32.	Confined Space — Technician: confined space rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 7 (Confined Space Rescue) (Technician): 7.3	July 1, 2028

33.	Vehicle Rescue — Operations: rescue involving passenger vehicles at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 8 (Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue) (Operations): 8.2	July 1, 2028
34.	Vehicle Rescue — Technician: rescue involving passenger vehicles at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 8 (Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue) (Technician): All of 8.3	July 1, 2028
35.	Heavy Vehicle Rescue — Operations: rescue involving heavy vehicles at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 9 (Heavy Vehicle Rescue) (Operations): 9.2	July 1, 2028
36.	Heavy Vehicle Rescue — Technician: rescue involving heavy vehicles at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 9 (Heavy Vehicle Rescue) (Technician): 9.3	July 1, 2028
37.	Trench Rescue — Operations: trench rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 12 (Trench Rescue) (Operations): 12.2	July 1, 2028
38.	Trench Rescue — Technician: trench rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 12 (Trench Rescue) (Technician): 12.3	July 1, 2028
39.	Surface Water Rescue — Operations: surface water rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 17 (Surface Water Rescue) (Operations): 17.2	July 1, 2028
40.	Surface Water Rescue — Technician: surface water rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 17 (Surface Water Rescue) (Technician): 17.3	July 1, 2028
41.	Swift Water Rescue — Operations: swift water rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 18 (Swiftwater Rescue) (Operations): 18.2	July 1, 2028

42.	Swift Water Rescue — Technician: swift water rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 18 (Swiftwater Rescue) (Technician): 18.3	July 1, 2028
43.	Ice Water Rescue — Operations: ice water rescue at the Operations Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 20 (Ice Rescue) (Operations): 20.2	July 1, 2028
44.	Ice Water Rescue — Technician: ice water rescue at the Technician Level.	The following job performance requirements of NFPA 1006, “Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel Professional Qualifications”, 2021 Edition, Chapter 20 (Ice Rescue) (Technician): 20.3	July 1, 2028