National Certification Exam Prerequisites

Note: Equivalent training, as determined by OFPC, may be deemed acceptable to meet the NYS course requirements listed.

Firefighter I [NFPA 1001]

1. NYS Firefighter I course;*
2. First Aid/CPR meeting NFPA 1001 section 4.3;
3. Live Fire Suppression Verification Form AND
4. Training Authorization Letter

* NOTE: Completion of the following NYS courses are accepted as equivalent with the Firefighter I course for prerequisite purposes:
1. NYS Firefighting Essentials or Basic Firefighter Training Course;
2. NYS Initial Fire Attack or Intermediate Firefighter Course AND
3. NYS Hazardous Materials Operations course

Firefighter II [NFPA 1001]

1. NFPA 1001 Firefighter I national certification;
2. NYS Firefighter II course (8/31/16 and later) OR BOTH NYS Firefighter II AND NYS Accident Victim Extrication Training (AVET) courses;
3. Live Fire Suppression Verification Form AND
4. Training Authorization Letter

Hazardous Materials Operations [NFPA 472]

1. NYS Firefighter I course OR NYS Hazardous Materials Operations course AND
2. Training Authorization Letter

Hazardous Materials Technician [NFPA 472]

1. NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations national certification;
3. Training Authorization Letter

Fire Service Instructor I [NFPA 1041]

1. NYS Fire Service Instructor I course OR
2. NYS Fire Instructor II certification
Fire Service Instructor II [NFPA 1041]
1. NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor I national certification AND
2. NYS Fire Service Instructor II course

Fire Officer I [NFPA 1021]
1. NFPA 1001 Firefighter II national certification;
2. NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor I national certification AND
3. NYS Fire Officer I (NFPA 1021 – 2009) course OR BOTH NYS Introduction to Fire Officer AND Fire Officer I courses

OR to enter the national certification process as an INCUMBENT FIRE OFFICER
1. Meet requirements of NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II, including NYS OFPC live fire suppression verification and 1st Aid/CPR documentation;
2. Meet requirements of NFPA 1041 Fire Service Instructor I AND
3. NYS Fire Officer I (NFPA 1021 – 2009) course OR BOTH NYS Intro to Fire Officer and Fire Officer I courses

*NOTE: Earning NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I national certification by this mechanism does not provide or imply national certification at the prerequisite levels of FF I, FF II or FSI I.

Fire Officer II [NFPA 1021]
1. NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I national certification AND
2. NYS Fire Officer II (NFPA 1021 – 2014) course OR BOTH Fire Officer II and Principles of Fire Investigation courses

Fire Officer III [NFPA 1021]
1. NFPA 1021 Fire Officer II national certification AND
2. NYS Fire Officer III course

Fire and Life Safety Educator [NFPA 1035]
1. NYS Fire and Life Safety Educator I course

Fire Inspector I [NFPA 1031]
1. NYS Fire Inspector I course
Fire Investigator [NFPA 1033]

1. NYS Fire Investigation course;
2. High School Diploma OR candidate may use the following in lieu of: College Degree, College Transcript or GED AND
3. 18 years of age or older

Incident Safety Officer [NFPA 1521]

1. NFPA 1021 Fire Officer I national certification;
2. NYS Incident Safety Officer course;
3. NYS On-Scene Rehabilitation for Emergency Ops course;
4. NWCG I-200 course;
5. Principles of Building Construction: Non-Combustible course;
7. NYS Live Fire Training (NFPA 1403 – 2012) course OR BOTH NYS Live Fire Training Safety AND NYS Conducting Live Fire Training Evolutions courses

Airport Firefighter [NFPA 1003]

1. NFPA 1001 Firefighter II national certification;
2. Completion of training program meeting or exceeding requirements of NFPA 1003 Chapters 4 and 5 AND
3. Training Authorization Letter

OR to enter the national certification process as an INCUMBENT AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER

1. Meet requirements of NFPA 1001 Firefighter I and II, including NYS OFPC live fire suppression verification and 1st Aid/CPR documentation;
2. Completion of training program meeting or exceeding requirements of NFPA 1003 Chapters 4 and 5 AND
3. Training Authorization Letter