

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS APPLICATION
NFPA 470 - 2022 Edition



*All certification candidates are required to have an established and up to date user portal account in the PA State Fire Academy's Acadis Learning Management System prior to participating in **ANY** certification testing opportunity. Please log in to your Acadis portal account and update all personal information before submitting your certification application. (Access can be gained through the OSFC website – [Training and Certification Portal](#))

Test Information: Certifying at any Hazardous Materials Operations Mission Specific Level (Chapter 9) requires prior completion of the core competencies specified in NFPA 470 Chapter 7.

Please indicate **clearly with an "X"** which level(s) you are testing for:

- ☐ Core Competencies to include Personal Protective Equipment (9.2) and Product Control (9.6)
☐ Mass DECON (9.3) and Victim Recovery (9.8) ☐ Technical DECON (9.4) ☐ Detection, Monitoring, Sampling (9.7)

SECTION I

FEMA Student Identification Number (FEMA SID#): To register or view your FEMA SID, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID	<small>Enter your 10-digit FEMA SID#</small>
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Suffix	SSN# (last 4-digits only)	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	County
Date of Birth	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone		Email Address	
Affiliation (Fire Dept./Organization)		Title/Rank		Date Hired/Joined	
Fire Dept./Organization Address		City	State	Zip Code	County

Please Read and Check One:

- ☐ I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Hazardous Materials Operations certification test. I have no conditions which preclude me from safely or effectively performing all functions and tasks (practical skills and written test) for the level at which I am seeking national certification.
- ☐ I have read (or had explained to me) and understand the job performance requirements for the Hazardous Materials Operations certification test. I will submit a request for accommodation for the written national certification test. I understand I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than twenty days prior to the scheduled certification exam.

Disclosure of your social security number is required. Your social security number is being solicited pursuant to Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904* and Section 7384 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. §§ 7101 *et seq.* The Office of the State Fire Commissioner/ Pennsylvania State Fire Academy collects these numbers only for tracking, processing of certifications, and verification purposes; information is only shared where required to do so for and is not sold, bartered, rented, or otherwise distributed.

By signing and dating this document, I certify that the information contained in this Application and any attachments is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and submitted as true and correct in accordance with the OSFC/PSFA certification testing policy and in accordance with Pennsylvania Crimes Code *18 Pa C.S. 4904*, relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

[Click Here to View Candidate Handbook](#)

Signature of Candidate	Date
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Test Site Official Use Only - Test Site: _____</div><div>Test Site Number: _____</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Date Application Received at Test Site: _____</div><div>Date Application Approved: _____</div></div> <div>Candidate Number: _____ Written Exam Results: ____ PASS ____ FAIL Skills Exam Results: ____ PASS ____ FAIL</div>	

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SECTION II

Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 Health and Safety, Part V of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code reads:

“A person convicted of violating 18 Pa. C. S. § 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses) or any similar offense under Federal or State law shall be prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this Commonwealth and shall be prohibited from being certified as a firefighter under Subchapter F of Chapter 73 (relating to State Fire Commissioner).”

All individuals making application for certification testing must provide documentation of a background check. Proof of a non-conviction **MUST** consist of *either* of the following:

1. An official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91 (relating to criminal history record information) indicating no arson convictions.

OR

2. By dating and signing of the following statement by the person swearing to the following:

“I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes the crime of “arson and related offenses” under 18 Pa. C.S 3301 or any similar offense under any Federal or State law. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including, but not limited to, a fine of at least \$1,000.00”

Name of Certification Candidate (please type)

Signature of Certification Candidate

Date

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SECTION III - Please Read and Complete all information:

A candidate should meet the requirements of *NFPA 1580 (2025) Standard for Emergency Responder Occupational Health and Wellness* prior to physical testing to ensure their ability to safely perform the required tasks.

During your participation in certification testing, in the event of injury/illness are you protected by an insurance carrier providing hospitalization and/or Workmen's Compensation? YES___ NO___

Liability Waiver

I, the undersigned, have hospitalization insurance and do hereby release the following individuals and organizations from any and all liabilities or causes of action for any injuries or illness incurred during or after my participation in the Voluntary Certification Program Test sponsored by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner/Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and hosted by the

(Name of Test Site)

The release covers all the aforementioned individuals and agencies as well as their agents, employees, or volunteers participating in this event.

This release covers all injuries or illnesses occurring during or as a result of the activities engaged in by the undersigned during the Voluntary Certification examination including any injuries which might result from physical abuse from third party participants or other individuals in or around the area where the examination is being conducted.

This release is intended to release all injuries, damages, or lawsuits to the undersigned person and property, whether known, unknown, foreseen, unforeseen, patent or latent which the undersigned may have against the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC), the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Host Entity, or its agents as listed above. The undersigned understands and acknowledges the significance and consequence of such specific intentions to release all claims, and hereby assumes full responsibility for any injuries, damages, or losses that may occur from the above-mentioned event.

By signing and dating of this document **I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE** that **I HAVE READ THE CONTENTS** of this waiver, and that **I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SAID CONTENTS** of the release, and that **I HAVE SIGNED INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND.**

Candidate Name (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date

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SECTION IV

It is understood that the candidate registered on this form has done so with the full knowledge, consent, and approval of the named organization on page one of this application; and is protected by an insurance carrier or the organization. Furthermore, I attest that the candidate meets the requirements noted in Section III of this application. Participation approved by:

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Name of Chief Officer (please type)	Daytime Phone	Email

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Signature of Chief Officer	Title	Date

SECTION V: REQUIREMENTS

1. NFPA 470 Chapter 9, Section 9.1.2:

Candidates **MUST** be certified (at a minimum) at the Hazardous Materials Awareness Level in accordance with NFPA 1072 (2017 ed.) *Standards for Hazardous Material /Weapons of Mass Destruction Emergency Response Personal Professional Qualifications*, Chapter 4, **OR** NFPA 470 (2022 ed.) *Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders* Chapter 5. Provide your certification number below and attach a copy of your Hazardous Materials Awareness certification (Pro-Board or IFSAC) certificate.

Hazardous Materials Awareness Certification Number: _____

2. Candidates **MUST** be trained or certified at the Hazardous Materials Operations Level in accordance with NFPA 1072 (2017), Chapter 5 (Core Competencies) and Chapter 6 (Mission-Specifics) Section 6.2 (PPE) and Section 6.6 (Product Control), **OR** NFPA 470 (2022) *Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Standard for Responders*. Training standards as outlined in Chapters 6 and Chapter 8, Section 8.2 (PPE) and Section 8.6 (Product Control) or in Certification standards as outlined in Chapter 7 and Chapter 9, Section 9.2 (PPE) and Section 9.6 (Product Control)

Attach a copy of one of the following recognized certificates. Training certificates **MUST** be from the PSFA-approved Jones & Bartlett curriculum **OR** the PSFA-approved IFSTA curriculum.

- _____ Hazardous Materials Operations Level training **OR**
_____ Hazardous Materials Operations Level Annual Refresher training (candidate must have completed an approved operations initial course) **OR**
_____ Hazardous Materials Operations Level Responder National Certification (ProBoard or IFSAC)

NOTE: The certificate (training, refresher training, or certification) **MUST** be current and dated within one (1) year of the certification application and **MUST** meet the requirements of NFPA 1072 (2017) **OR** NFPA 470 (2022).

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Prerequisite Verification Form

Candidate Name: _____

My signature below indicates I read and understand the requirements of this Hazardous Materials Operation (HAZMAT OPS) test process as indicated by an "X" on Page One of this application; furthermore, I meet the pre-requisites established by the Standard and/or the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

_____ I am 16 years of age or older

Age Rule Exception – HAZMAT OPS Application: Juniors 16 to 17 years of age are permitted to participate in training and certification at the HAZMAT OPS level provided **NO** Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health (IDLH) atmosphere exists as part of the course or certification test.

*This decision **DOES NOT** permit or allow junior firefighters the ability to participate in an emergency response to a hazardous materials incident or where the potential for an IDLH atmosphere might exist.*

_____ I signed the Chapter 77, Section 7713 of Title 35 form or have provided an official criminal history record check obtained pursuant to Chapter 91

_____ I signed the application

_____ I had a chief officer sign Section IV of this application

_____ I attached a copy of my Hazardous Materials Awareness National Certification (Pro-Board and/or IFSAC) Certificate

_____ I attached a copy of my approved, current Hazardous Materials Operations Course or Operations Refresher Training Certificate (Jones & Bartlett **OR** IFSTA curriculum)

_____ I attached a copy of my Hazardous Materials Operations or Core Certification Certificate (only if testing for Mission Specific competencies)

_____ I signed the liability waiver section of the application

Testing Assistance

_____ I am physically capable of completing the practical skill exercises.

_____ I can read and comprehend the written test and related materials.

_____ I **will not** be submitting a request for accommodation for National Certification exam.

OR

_____ I **will** be submitting a request for accommodation for the National Certification exam. I understand I **MUST** contact the Certification Program Manager no later than three weeks (21 days) prior to the certification exam.

Candidate Name (please type)

Signature of Candidate

Date