



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Fire Fighter 1 (2019)

CSTI and IAFF Hazardous Material Reciprocity

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OVERVIEW

Accredited Regional Training Programs (ARTP) and Accredited Local Academies (ALA) may use the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) or International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Hazardous Material training and certification to meet the Fire Fighter 1B (2019) training and certification exam requirements. Agencies utilizing the CSTI or IAFF training should ensure that candidates are being issued a Pro Board accredited certification in the following levels:

- Hazardous Materials Responder at the Awareness Level
- Hazardous Materials Responder at the Core Operations Level: with Product Control and Personal Protective Equipment Mission Specific Competencies

State Fire Training (SFT) will need to receive confirmation of Pro Board Certification issuance, prior to issuing California Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification to applications who received CSTI or IAFF Hazardous Material certification.

ARTP/ALA PROCESS

Certification Exam Scheduling

Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certifications are processed upon successful completion of the Fire Fighter 1 comprehensive psychomotor and cognitive certification exam; therefore, agencies using CSTI and IAFF shall indicate the use of this option on Certification Examination Scheduling Request Application form to ensure successful Fire Fighter 1 certification issuance for these candidates. When utilizing either CSTI or IAFF to meet the Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat FRA/FRO training and certification, select the appropriate CSTI or IAFF reciprocity option under the Fire Fighter 1B section of the exam scheduling request form.

TIP: SFT recommends conducting the CSTI or IAFF Hazardous Material training and certification testing before the Fire Fighter 1A and 1C modules. This will allow agencies time for CSTI or IAFF to process Pro Board certification(s) while the remainder of the Fire Fighter curriculum is being completed so that upon completion of the remaining Fire Fighter 1 certification testing, an OSFM California Fire Fighter 1 certification can be immediately issued. Otherwise, a delay in Fire Fighter 1 certification issuance may occur until the CSTI or IAFF Hazardous Material Certification has been verified.

CSTI / IAFF Reciprocity

To utilize the CSTI/IAFF Hazardous Materials reciprocity, agencies must indicate the use of this option on the Certification Examination Scheduling Request Application form. Once the Hazardous Material certification examination has been completed and Pro Board certification has been issued, CSTI/IAFF will provide the host site with a certification confirmation letter (can take up to 6 weeks to process). This letter is the most efficient way to report a CSTI/IAFF



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Hazardous Materials reciprocity to SFT and shall contain each candidate's name, Pro Board seal number and provide an issue date. Attach this letter along with any other documentation necessary to close out your Fire Fighter 1 certification exam request into the FF Certification Exam Skills Results Web Form from within the SFT User Portal. SFT will add the reciprocal certification into each candidate's SFT User Portal, which will meet the Fire Fighter 1B: HazMat FRA/FRO certification examination requirement, before issuing an SFT Fire Fighter 1 (2019) certification.

INDIVIDUAL CSTI/IAFF CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY

The CSTI/IAFF HazMat Reciprocity is solely reserved for ARTPs and ALAs that use the CSTI or IAFF Hazardous Material training and certification to meet the Fire Fighter 1B (2019) training and certification exam requirements. All individual CSTI/IAFF reciprocity requests shall utilize the Fire Fighter 1 Reciprocity requirements listed on the Fire Fighter 1 Certification Reciprocity Application form.