



Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification / Recertification Instructions

Overview

The California Office of the State Fire Marshal Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) 3 Certification is based on the NFPA 1071: Emergency Vehicle Technician I Professional Qualifications set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Persons with EVT 3 Certification are required to renew their certification every five (5) years. The recertification requires that the applicant completes 100 hours of approved continuing education (CE) and meet the all prerequisites stated in Recertification Requirements (Option B). All recertification applications must be postmarked on or before the certification expiration date. If the certified EVT 3 did not meet all recertification requirements by the expiration date, the EVT 3 Certification is considered to be lapsed.

If the EVT 3 Certification lapsed, the applicant will be required to complete 100 hours of CE in addition to the completion of additional CE hours. If the certification lapsed less than 6 months, you can regain EVT 3 Certification by completing an additional 8 hours of approved CE. If the certification lapsed between 6 months and less than 12 months, you can regain EVT 3 Certification by completing an additional 16 hours of approved CE. If the certification lapsed between 12 months and less than 18 months, you can regain EVT 3 Certification by completing an additional 24 hours of approved CE. For lapses greater than 18 months, the applicant will need to retake all SFT courses listed in the Certification Requirements (Option A) Education section and reapply for initial EVT 3 certification, which will require the completion of a new Certification Task Book.

Applicants for initial certification use Option A and Applicants for recertification use Option B.

Certification Requirements (Option A)

Prerequisites (all documents must be current at time of submittal)

- Current OSFM Certified Emergency Vehicle Technician 2
- Gasoline Engines [T1] (ASE)
- Diesel Engines [T2] (ASE)
- Drive Train [T3] (ASE)
- Brakes [T4] (ASE)
- Suspension and Steering [T5] (ASE)
- Electrical/Electronic Systems [T6] (ASE)
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) [T7] (ASE)
- Preventative Maintenance Inspections [T8] (ASE)
- Brake Inspector Qualification (CFR 396.25) - Department of Transportation (DOT)

Education

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3A: Human Resource Management / Fleet Specifications and Records; or Specifications Writing Class (CFMA) **AND** Fire Management I **OR** Company Officer 2A

Certification Exam

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Exam (delivered through CA Fire Mechanics Academy), issued within 5 years from date of application.

Certification Task Book

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Task Book

Experience

- Have a minimum of four (4) years full-time, paid experience in a California fire department, public agency, or private industry as an automotive or truck mechanic, with one (1) year of which must be related to the maintenance of emergency response vehicles; or
- Have a minimum of five (5) years full-time, paid experience in a California fire department, public agency, or private industry as a truck mechanic with no emergency response vehicles required; or
- Have a minimum of six (6) years volunteer time or paid part-time, paid experience in a California fire department, public agency, or private industry as a truck mechanic with primary duties performing as a truck mechanic.

Fee

- \$100 non-refundable EVT 3 certification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Recertification Requirements (Option B)

Prerequisites (all must be current/valid)

- Current OSFM Certified Emergency Vehicle Technician 3
- Gasoline Engines [T1] (ASE)
- Diesel Engines [T2] (ASE)
- Drive Train [T3] (ASE)
- Brakes [T4] (ASE)
- Suspension and Steering [T5] (ASE)
- Electrical/Electronic Systems [T6] (ASE)
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) [T7] (ASE)
- Preventative Maintenance Inspections [T8] (ASE)
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Certification Exam

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Exam (delivered through CA Fire Mechanics Academy), issued within 5 years from date of application.

Continuing Education

- A minimum of 100 hours of CA Fire Mechanics Academy approved continuing education (within five (5) years of attaining Emergency Vehicle Technician 3)

Fee

- \$100 non-refundable EVT 3 certification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Application Process

1. Applicant mails the Emergency Vehicle Technician (EVT) 3 Certification / Recertification Application, supporting documentation, and fee to: State Fire Training, EVT Certification, PO Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460.
2. State Fire Training conducts an application review.
 - If the applicant does not meet the eligibility requirements, SFT issues a denial.
 - If the applicant meets the eligibility requirements, SFT issues the digital course diploma(s) through the applicant's SFT User Portal.



Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification / Recertification Application
(REV. 01/21)

Identification

Full Name: _____
SFT ID Number: _____
Phone (Mobile): _____
Email: _____

Submit documentation to verify completion of the following requirements. You do not need to submit verification for anything issued by State Fire Training (SFT) already documented in your SFT User Portal.

Option A: EVT 3 Certification Submission Requirements

Prerequisites

- Copies of all course completions/certifications shall be submitted.

Certification Task Book

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Task Book

Certification Exam

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Exam

Fees

- \$100 non-refundable EVT 3 certification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Option B: EVT 3 Recertification Submission Requirements

Prerequisites

- Copies of all course completions/certifications shall be submitted.

Continuing Education

- A minimum of 100 hours of CA Fire Mechanics Academy approved continuing education (within five (5) years of attaining Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 certification)
- Additional hours, as required, for lapse certifications

Certification Exam

- Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 Certification Exam

Fees

- \$100 non-refundable EVT 3 recertification fee - payable to: State Fire Training

Authority

I, the undersigned, am the person applying for Emergency Vehicle Technician 3 certification. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that all information contained in this application is true in every respect. I understand that misstatements, omissions of material facts, or falsification of information or documents may be cause for rejection.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
(CAL FIRE Account Code: 0198-####-4143500-4143500014-35405902-59210)