

DoD Fire & Emergency Services Minimum Qualification Standards & Certification Requirements

The following certification levels are the minimum qualification standards for the positions indicated. Individuals must be certified at these levels before being eligible to fill these grades and/or positions. Exception to Certification: Certification requirements do not apply to the position occupied by a DoD firefighter on 31 May 2000.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification Levels</u>
Fire Fighter (GS-5 and above)	Fire Fighter I and II ¹ Airport Fire Fighter ¹
Driver Operator (GS-5 and 6)	Apparatus Driver Operator for: Pumpers ARFF ² Aerials ² Tillers ² Water Tenders ²
Dispatchers/Alarm Room Operators (GS-4, 5, and 6)	Telecommunicator II ³ HAZMAT Awareness
Lead Fire Fighter (Crew Chief) (GS-6 and 7)	Fire Officer I Fire Instructor I Fire Inspector I Airport Fire Fighter ¹
Fire Inspector (GS-5, 6, 7, and 8)	Fire Inspector I and II Fire Instructor I HAZMAT Awareness

¹ Entry level fire fighters (i.e. GS-3 and GS-4 fire fighters) must successfully complete any and all required training, to include becoming certified at Fire Fighter I and II levels and the Airport Fire Fighter level, if applicable, within a maximum of 12 months. Airport Fire Fighter is not required for locations without a flying mission. However, if the individual relocates to an activity with a flying mission, the individual is required to become certified at that level. DoD Hazardous Materials Awareness is a prerequisite for the Fire Fighter I certification level and DoD Hazardous Materials Operations is a prerequisite for the Fire Fighter II and Airport Fire Fighter certification levels.

² Not required if the activity does not have these vehicles. However, if the individual relocates to an activity with these vehicles, the individual is required to become certified at the appropriate certification level.

³ When the course becomes available in January 2001.

⁴ Not required if the individual is not required to fill in as the Assistant Chief of Operations, however, the employee will not be considered for positions that require these certification levels.

Position

Certification Levels

Station Chief/Captain
(GS-7, 8, and 9)

Fire Officer II
Fire Instructor I
Fire Inspector I
HAZMAT Incident Commander
Airport Fire Fighter¹

Assistant Chief of Operations
(GS-9, 10, and 11)

Fire Officer III
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Commander
Airport Fire Fighter¹

Assistant Chief of Training
(GS-8, 9, 10, and 11)

Fire Officer III
Fire Instructor III
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Commander
Airport Fire Fighter¹

Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention
(GS-9, 10, and 11)

Fire Officer III⁴
Fire Inspector III
Fire Instructor II
HAZMAT Incident Commander⁴
Airport Fire Fighter^{1 and 4}

Assistant Chief (Deputy Chief
or Operations/Logistics and
Readiness)
(GS-9, 10, 11, and 12)

Fire Officer III
Fire Instructor II
Fire Inspector II
HAZMAT Incident Commander
Airport Fire Fighter¹

Fire Chief
(GS-10, 11, 12, 13, and 14)

Fire Officer IV
Fire Inspector II
Fire Instructor II
HAZMAT Incident Commander
Airport Fire Fighter¹

Fire Protection Specialists at Component
Headquarters, Major Commands, or
Navy Fire Marshal Offices
(GS-12, 13, 14, and 15)

Fire Officer IV
Fire Inspector II
Fire Instructor II