

NFPA Pushes for RE-Certification Requirements for all Pro Qual Standards

At a recent meeting sponsored by the NFPA it was made known that they are pushing for RE-Certification requirements to be included in the next revision of NFPA 1000 which is a document that in effect governs all other Pro Qual standards. Pro Qual standards are those in the 1000 series including Fire Fighter, Driver Operator, Fire Officer, Instructor, and many others.

Towards the end of discussions on the last day it was stated that all Pro-Qual certifications issued after 2021 would have an expiration date either 3 or 5 years. States and/or training entities would have to implement plan(s) for recertification and/or continuing education in order to renew and/or continue those certifications. This will be in the NFPA Pro-Qual documents that are in revision cycles now. **THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR NFPA 1000 ENDS NOVEMBER 15. THE SAME AND/OR SIMILAR LANGUAGE WOULD ALSO GO INTO ALL OF THE 1000 SERIES PRO-QUAL DOCUMENTS – 1001, 1002, 1006, 1072, ETC.**

This requirement most likely would have a devastating impact on the fire service and fire training agencies in general but also to the volunteer fire service in particular.

Public comment to the NFPA for NFPA 1000 ends November 15th. If you agree with the NFPA that you and your members should have to re-certify all levels of Pro Board and/or IFSAC certifications, then do NOTHING. If you disagree with this erroneous mandate then submit your public input to the NFPA prior to November 15th at www.nfpa.org/1000next