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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4765-20-03 Qualifications for a fire safety inspector or hazard recognition officer certificate.

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[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this rule see rule 4765-25-02 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) An applicant for a fire safety inspector certificate shall satisfy all the requirements listed in the "Fire Safety Inspector Course Packet" to be eligible for certification, including the following:

(1) Pass the practical skills examinations as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code, upon fire safety inspector course completion prior to being eligible to sit for the knowledge examination;

(2) Pass the knowledge examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code upon fire safety inspector course completion prior to submission of a completed "Firefighter or Fire Safety Inspector Initial Application";

(3) Submit a completed "Firefighter or Fire Safety Inspector Initial Application" within two years of course completion.

(B) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule an applicant for fire safety inspector :

(1) For initial certification shall pass a criminal history review;

(2) For certificate renewal and reinstatement, the applicant shall not have been convicted of the following:

(a) Any felony;

(b) A misdemeanor committed in the course of practice;

(c) A misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

(3) Shall not have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or material deception in applying for, or obtaining a certificate issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter.

(C) In deciding whether to grant a fire safety inspector certificate, the executive director has the following options:

(1) The executive director shall issue a fire safety inspector certificate to an applicant who meets all of the requirements listed in paragraphs (A) and (B) of this rule;

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(2) The executive director shall refuse to grant a fire safety inspector certificate to an applicant who fails to meet one or more of the requirements listed in paragraph (A) of this rule;

(3) The executive director may grant, refuse to grant, or restrict a fire safety inspector certificate to an applicant who meets the requirements listed in paragraph (A) of this rule, but fails to meet one or more of the requirements listed in paragraph (B) of this rule.

(D) A fire safety inspector certificate issued pursuant to this rule shall be issued in accordance with the certification cycles and pro-rated renewal requirements set forth in rule 4765-20-16 of the Administrative Code.