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Rule 4765-20-07 Renewal of a firefighter, 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) The executive director shall renew a firefighter certificate, issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter, to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

(1) The applicant satisfies the requirements for a firefighter certificate as set forth in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The applicant satisfies the continuing education requirements for a firefighter certificate as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code;

(3) The applicant submits a completed "Firefighter or Fire Safety Inspector Renewal Application" on or before the expiration date of the current certificate.

(B) The executive director shall renew a fire safety inspector certificate, issued under section 4765.55 of the Revised Code and this chapter, to an applicant who meets the following requirements:

(1) Except for the requirement to possess a current and valid firefighter certificate, the applicant shall meet all qualifications for a fire safety inspector certificate, as set forth in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The applicant satisfies the requirements for a fire safety inspector certificate as set forth in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code;

(3) The applicant satisfies the continuing education requirements for a fire safety inspector certificate as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code;

(4) The applicant submits a completed "Firefighter or Fire Safety Inspector Renewal Application" on or before the expiration date of the current certificate.

(C) In accordance with section 5903.10 of the Revised Code, the holder of an expired firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall be granted renewal of the expired certificate if the following conditions are met:

(1) The holder presents the division with satisfactory evidence that the holder or the holder's spouse, as applicable, was honorably discharged, released under honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty, or separated from the military under honorable conditions, and either of the following applies:

(a) The certificate was not renewed because of the holder's service in the armed forces.

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(b) The certificate was not renewed because the holder's spouse's service in the armed forces resulted in the holder's absence from this state.

(2) The certificate renewal application and military discharge evidence is submitted to the division within six months of the holder's or holder's spouse's discharge from the armed forces or release from active duty or national guard duty.

(3) The certificate holder meets the requirements for renewal of a certificate as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code.

(4) A veteran or spouse of a veteran who meets the conditions in paragraph (C) of this rule shall not be assessed a penalty for submitting a late renewal application.

(D) No later than sixty days prior to the applicant's expiration date, the division, as directed by the executive director, shall provide notification of the certificate's expiration date and the method of renewal to each person who has been issued a certificate of firefighter or fire safety inspector training.

(E) A person issued a firefighter or fire safety inspector certificate shall accurately document all approved continuing education courses the certificate holder completes in accordance with this chapter. Upon request by the division, a certificate holder shall report all approved continuing education courses completed within the time parameters set forth by the executive director.

(F) A renewed firefighter or fire safety inspector training certificate does not become effective until the expiration date of the current certificate.

(G) If an applicant's certification cycle was less than thirty-six months, the applicant shall complete the pro-rated continuing education requirements as set forth in rule 4765-20-16 of the Administrative Code.