



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4765-20-08 Reinstatement of a firefighter, fire safety inspector, or hazard recognition officer certificate.

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(A) A firefighter, fire safety inspector, or hazard recognition officer certificate shall expire on its expiration date if the certificate holder fails to renew such certificate.

(B) In order to reinstate a firefighter certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant shall meet all qualifications for a firefighter certificate as set forth in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The applicant shall have previously held a firefighter certificate for the level of certification sought;

(3) The applicant shall have been in good standing at the time the certificate expired or was voluntarily surrendered;

(4) The applicant shall meet the requirements as set forth in paragraph (D), (E), or (F) of this rule, as applicable.

(5) The applicant shall submit a completed "Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector, and/or Hazard Recognition Officer Reinstatement Application."

(C) The application fee for military veterans shall be waived.

(D) The executive director shall reinstate a firefighter certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, for not more than ninety days from the expiration date or date of



surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (B) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender. If the continuing education requirements have not been completed prior to expiration date or date of surrender, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement under this paragraph.

(E) The executive director shall reinstate a firefighter certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, for not more than eighteen months from the expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (B) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender, but shall be completed at time of application;

(3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination, at the level of certification sought, as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.

(F) The executive director shall reinstate a firefighter certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than eighteen months, but not more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (B) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;



(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date, but shall be completed at time of application;

(3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination, at the level of certification sought, as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code;

(4) The applicant passes the practical skills examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.

(G) If a firefighter certificate has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement. The applicant shall complete a new course of instruction and meet all qualifications for a certificate of firefighter training as provided in rule 4765-20-02 of the Administrative Code.

(H) In order to reinstate a fire safety inspector certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, an applicant shall meet all of 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 shall have previously held a fire safety inspector certificate;

(3) The applicant shall have been in good standing at the time the certificate expired or was voluntarily surrendered;

(4) The applicant shall meet requirements as set forth in paragraph (I), (J), or (K) of this rule, as applicable;

(5) The applicant shall submit a completed "Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector, and/or Hazard Recognition Officer Reinstatement Application."



(I) The executive director shall reinstate a fire safety inspector certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for not more than ninety days from expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (G) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender. If the continuing education requirements have not been completed prior to expiration date, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement under this paragraph.

(J) The executive director shall reinstate a fire safety inspector certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, for not more than eighteen months from expiration date, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (H) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date, but shall be completed at time of application;

(3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.

(K) The executive director shall reinstate a fire safety inspector certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than eighteen months, but not more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (H) of this rule and all of the following requirements, within such time period:



- (1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;
- (2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender, but shall be completed at time of application;
- (3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) The applicant passes the practical skills examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.
- (L) If a fire safety inspector certificate has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement. The applicant shall complete a new course of instruction and meet all qualifications for a fire safety inspector certificate as set forth in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (M) In order to reinstate a hazard recognition officer certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to a voluntary surrender, an applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - (1) Except for the requirement to possess a current and valid firefighter certificate, the applicant shall meet all qualifications for a hazard recognition officer certificate, as outlined in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code;
 - (2) The applicant shall have previously held a hazard recognition officer certificate;
 - (3) The applicant shall have been in good standing at the time the certificate expired or was voluntarily surrendered;
 - (4) The applicant shall meet requirements as outlined in paragraph (N), (O), or (P) of this rule, as



applicable;

(5) The applicant shall submit a completed "Firefighter, Fire Safety Inspector, and/or Hazard Recognition Officer Reinstatement Application."

(N) The executive director shall reinstate a hazard recognition officer certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for not more than ninety days from the expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (M) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender. If the continuing education requirements have not been completed prior to the expiration date, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement under this paragraph.

(O) The executive director shall reinstate a hazard recognition officer certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for not more than eighteen months from expiration date, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (M) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender, but shall be completed at time of application;

(3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.



(P) The executive director shall reinstate a hazard recognition officer certificate that has expired, or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than eighteen months, but not more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, if the applicant meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (M) of this rule and all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant submits an application fee of seventy-five dollars;

(2) The applicant provides documentation to the division that all continuing education requirements as set forth in Chapter 4765-20 of the Administrative Code were met for the last certification cycle. Continuing education need not be completed prior to the certificate's expiration date or date of surrender, but shall be completed at time of application;

(3) The applicant passes the knowledge examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code

(4) The applicant passes the practical skills examination as set forth in rule 4765-20-06 of the Administrative Code.

(Q) If a hazard recognition officer certificate has expired or becomes invalid due to voluntary surrender, for more than thirty-six months from the expiration date or date of surrender, the applicant is not eligible for reinstatement. The applicant shall complete a new course of instruction and meet all qualifications for a hazard recognition officer certificate as set forth in rule 4765-20-03 of the Administrative Code.

(R) A firefighter, fire safety inspector, or hazard recognition officer applicant shall meet all requirements for eligibility prior to taking any examination.

(S) A firefighter applicant who is eligible for reinstatement is not eligible to apply for certification by reciprocity at or below the level of the expired certificate.

(T) A firefighter applicant who qualifies for reinstatement is eligible to be reinstated only at the level previously held by such applicant.



(U) A fire safety inspector applicant who qualifies for reinstatement is eligible to be reinstated at the fire safety inspector or hazard recognition officer level.

(V) A firefighter, fire safety inspector, or hazard recognition officer 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.