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Rule 4765-21-15 Certificate to teach cycles and renewal education requirements.

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(A) This rule shall apply to individuals applying for initial certification, reciprocity, or reinstatement of a certificate to teach.

(B) A fire and emergency services instructor certificate to teach shall expire on the same date as the individual's fire or EMS provider certification. In order to be eligible to renew the instructor certificate to teach, the individual shall complete renewal requirements, in accordance with rule 4765-21-06 of the Administrative Code, for the following reduced hours and certification cycle:

(1) Twelve months or less, no continuing education or instruction of a fire service training, EMS training, or continuing education program is required;

(2) More than twelve months but less than twenty-four months, two hours of continuing education and eight hours of instruction of a fire service training, EMS training, or continuing education program is required;

(3) Twenty-four months but less than thirty-six months, four hours of continuing education and sixteen hours of instruction of a fire service training, EMS training, or continuing education program is required;

(4) Thirty-six months or more, six hours of continuing education and twenty-four hours of instruction of a fire service training, EMS training, or continuing education program is required.

(C) An assistant fire instructor certificate to teach shall expire on the same date as the individual's firefighter certification. In order to be eligible to renew the certificate to teach, the individual shall complete renewal requirements, in accordance with rule 4765-21-06 of the Administrative Code, for the following reduced hours and certification cycle:

(1) Twelve months or less, no continuing education or instruction of a fire service training or continuing education program is required;

(2) More than twelve months but less than twenty-four months, two hours of instructional methodology continuing education and four hours of instruction of a fire service training or continuing education program is required;

(3) Twenty-four months but less than thirty-six months, four hours of instructional methodology continuing education and nine hours of instruction of a fire service training or continuing education program is required;

(4) Thirty-six months or more, six hours of instructional methodology continuing education and sixteen hours of instruction of a fire service training or continuing education program is required.

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(D) A live fire instructor certificate to teach shall expire on the same date as the individual's fire and emergency services instructor certificate to teach. The individual shall complete renewal requirements in accordance with rule 4765-21-06 of the Administrative Code. A certificate held for less than twelve months is exempt from the live burn renewal requirement.

(E) Upon request by the division, a person issued a fire and emergency services instructor, assistant fire instructor, or live fire instructor certificate to teach shall accurately document and report all approved continuing education courses the certificate holder completes and instructional hours taught in accordance with this chapter. The documentation shall be provided within the time parameters set forth by the executive director with advice and counsel of the committee.

(F) Once a mutual expiration date is established for all EMS and fire certificates, all certificates will be issued a three-year certification cycle and shall expire on the individual's date of birth in the third year.

(G) Once a mutual expiration date is established for all EMS and fire certificates, the expiration date will not be changed and any newly obtained certificate will be assigned the current expiration date in accordance with this rule and a shortened certification cycle for the newly issued certificate.