

NFPA 1010 Professional Certification Testing With NFPA 1001 Prerequisites

History

On July 1, 2026, the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA) transitioned to the new NFPA 1010 standard, Standard on Professional Qualifications for Firefighters. There is no longer curriculum (training) or professional certification testing done to the previous NFPA 1001 Standard.

The NFPA 1010 standard breaks entry-level firefighter curriculum (training) into three levels, NFPA 1010 Support Firefighter, NFPA 1010 Firefighter I, and NFPA 1010 Firefighter II.

All three levels have professional certification testing available. Certification testing is NOT required to take the curriculum (training) classes.

Professional Certification Testing – Support Firefighter and Firefighter I

Per NFPA 1010, 1010 Support Firefighter certification is one of the prerequisites to test 1010 Firefighter I.

The information below pertains to anyone who took entry level firefighter classes *PRIOR* to the new EL26 Support Firefighter and Firefighter I Training classes.

- 1001 prerequisites that meet the requirements to test NFPA 1010 *Support Firefighter**
 - › EL14 or EL22 Entry Level series **with** Live Fire, 2014 or after
 - › EL14 or EL22 Entry Level series **without** Live Fire, 2014 or after
 - › Bucks Basic Academy, 2014 or after

*Entry level training prior to 2014, does **not** meet the pre-requisite requirement.

- 1001 prerequisites that meet the requirements to test NFPA 1010 *Firefighter I***
 - › EL14 or EL22 Entry Level series **with** Live Fire, 2014 or after
 - › Bucks Basic Academy, 2014 or after

*Entry level training prior to 2014, does **not** meet the pre-requisite requirement.

A 16-hour PSFA Structural Burn Session alone does **not meet the pre-requisite requirement.

If you have an EL14 or EL22 ELIF (2014 or after) **without live fire**, it does **not** meet the prerequisite requirement to test NFPA 1010 Firefighter I. There are two options to help meet the prerequisite.

- › You can take a 16-hour PSFA Structural Burn Session (MUST be at least 18 years of age)
- › You can contact a test site to check if they can support Skill Station Q. Skill Station Q is a live fire station that requires both PSFA suppression instructors and PSFA evaluators, there will most likely be a cost associated with this option.

Professional Certification Testing – Firefighter II

If you have an NFPA 1001 Firefighter I certification, you can test NFPA 1010 Firefighter II.

There is a required class: EL26 NFPA 1010 Firefighter II Training Class, as well as other prerequisites listed in the candidate handbook and application.

You can find NFPA 1010 Support Firefighter, Firefighter I and Firefighter II applications, candidate handbooks, and skill sheets on Acadis.
Applications and candidate handbooks list prerequisites for the level.