The following is a summary that will help answer questions about meeting the requirements for maintaining a firefighter certification in Ohio. Although every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the following information, in the event of a discrepancy, the language in the Ohio Administrative Code 4765-20 shall apply. The full rule can be accessed on our webpage at [http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-20](http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-20).

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<td>Volunteer Firefighter Firefighter I Firefighter II</td>
<td>0 hours but renewal application must still be submitted</td>
<td>18 CE hours – Must be fire-service related and approved by a fire chief or program director. CE courses may be completed online, at a fire charter training institution, or through in-service training programs conducted by your affiliated fire department. The firefighter is responsible for maintaining Certificates of Completion issued from such training.</td>
<td>36 CE hours – Must be fire-service related and approved by a fire chief or program director. CE courses may be completed online, at a fire charter training institution, or through in-service training programs conducted by your affiliated fire department. The firefighter is responsible for maintaining Certificates of Completion issued from such training.</td>
<td>54 CE hours – Must be fire-service related and approved by a fire chief or program director. CE courses may be completed online, at a fire charter training institution, or through in-service training programs conducted by your affiliated fire department. The firefighter is responsible for maintaining Certificates of Completion issued from such training.</td>
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<td>Fire Safety Inspector</td>
<td>0 hours but renewal application must still be submitted</td>
<td>10 specialty CE hours devoted to any of the following topics: The theory of fire code enforcement; Enforcement of fire codes; Life safety system of building and uses; The safe use and maintenance of facilities, building, and uses which are subject to the state of Ohio fire code; The safe handling of materials which pose a fire hazard; Fire code administration; Legal method of code enforcement; Legal rights of landlords and tenants under federal, state, and local laws; The application, installation, use &amp; interpretation of NFPA standards.</td>
<td>20 specialty CE hours devoted to any of the following topics: The theory of fire code enforcement; Enforcement of fire codes; Life safety system of building and uses; The safe use and maintenance of facilities, building, and uses which are subject to the state of Ohio fire code; The safe handling of materials which pose a fire hazard; Fire code administration; Legal method of code enforcement; Legal rights of landlords and tenants under federal, state, and local laws; The application, installation, use &amp; interpretation of NFPA standards.</td>
<td>30 specialty CE hours devoted to any of the following topics: The theory of fire code enforcement; Enforcement of fire codes; Life safety system of building and uses; The safe use and maintenance of facilities, building, and uses which are subject to the state of Ohio fire code; The safe handling of materials which pose a fire hazard; Fire code administration; Legal method of code enforcement; Legal rights of landlords and tenants under federal, state, and local laws; The application, installation, use &amp; interpretation of NFPA standards.</td>
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The CE hours requirement is calculated based on how long the certificate was active during certification cycle (the number of months between the effective date and the expiration date):
Unaffiliated Firefighter Continuing Education Options

An applicant who RESIDES IN OHIO, but is not affiliated with an Ohio fire department, may complete continuing education through the following:

1. Training approved by the applicant's fire chief (if affiliated with a fire department in another state or military);
2. Continuing education courses approved by a program director of an Ohio-chartered fire training program; and/or
3. Fire service training received by any other entity approved by the executive director, including but not limited to, the following entities:
   a. "National Fire Academy;"
   b. "Fire Department Instructors Conference;"
   c. "Fire-Rescue International;"
   d. "National Domestic Preparedness Consortium."

Certificate holders should contact the Division of EMS Fire Education section to confirm applicability of CE.

An applicant who DOES NOT RESIDE IN OHIO and is not affiliated with an Ohio fire department may complete continuing education through the following:

1. Training approved by the applicant's fire chief (if affiliated with a fire department in another state or military);
2. Training from a fire training institution approved by the licensing agency in another state; and/or
3. Training received by any other entity approved by the executive director, including but not limited to the following entities:
   a. "National Fire Academy;"
   b. "Fire Department Instructors Conference;"
   c. "Fire-Rescue International;"
   d. "National Domestic Preparedness Consortium."

Certificate holders should contact the Division of EMS Fire Education section to confirm applicability of CE.
Assistant Fire, Fire and Fire Safety Inspector Instructor Continuing Education/Teaching Renewal Requirements:

The following is a summary that will help answer questions about meeting the requirements for maintaining a fire-related instructor certification in Ohio. Although every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the following information, in the event of a discrepancy, the language in the Ohio Administrative Code 4765-21 shall apply. The full rule can be accessed on our webpage at http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765.

The CE and teaching hours requirement is calculated based on how long the certificate was active during certification cycle (the number of months between the effective date and the expiration date):

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<td>No requirements but renewal application must still be submitted</td>
<td>2 hours instructional CE and 2.65 hours of teaching</td>
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<td>No requirements but renewal application must still be submitted</td>
<td>2 hours instructional CE and 8 hours of teaching</td>
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<td>No requirements but renewal application must still be submitted</td>
<td>2 hours instructional CE and 8 hours of teaching</td>
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