

Florida Fire Prevention

Candidate Handbook

2025

QUICK REFERENCE

STATE LICENSING INFORMATION

Candidates may contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention with questions about obtaining or maintaining a license after the examination has been passed.

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Division of State Fire Marshal 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0342

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(850) 413-3171

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(850) 414-6119

Website

http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/bfp/

Email

Fire.Prevention@MyFloridaCFO.com

EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Candidates may contact Pearson VUE with questions about this handbook or about an upcoming examination.

Pearson VUE / Florida Fire Prevention

Attn: Regulatory Program 5601 Green Valley Dr. Bloomington, MN 55437

Phone

(888) 204-6289

Email

pearsonvuecustomerservice@pearson.com

Website

www.pearsonvue.com

APPLICATIONS AND APPROVAL

For information regarding how to apply for your license, please visit the Bureau of Fire Prevention Web site at http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/SFM/bfp/.

EXAM RESERVATIONS

Before making an exam reservation

Candidates should thoroughly review this candidate handbook, which contains examination content outlines and important information regarding eligibility and the examination and licensing application process. Special Exam Accommodations and (ESL) English as a Second Language must be approved prior to making an exam reservation.

Making an exam reservation

Candidates may make a reservation by visiting https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.html.

Candidates should make a reservation at least one (1) business day before the desired examination date.

If you have problems making your reservation online, you may call (888) 204-6289 for assistance.

Canceling or Re-scheduling a Reservation

For more information, please see the **Change/Cancel Policy**.

EXAM DAY

What to bring to the exam

Candidates should bring to the examination proper identification and other materials as dictated by the state licensing agency. A complete list appears in **What to Bring**.

Exam procedures

Candidates should report to the test center at least thirty (30) minutes before the examination begins. The time allotted for the examination is detailed on the back cover of this candidate handbook.

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The candidate handbook is a useful tool in preparing for an examination.

It is highly recommended that the Florida Fire Prevention Candidate Handbook be reviewed, with special attention given to the content outlines, before taking the examination. Content outlines can be found at https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.html.

Individuals who wish to obtain a Fire Prevention license in the state of Florida must:

1. Read this handbook.

This handbook contains important information regarding licensing and examination reservations as well as examination content outlines.

2. Make an examination reservation.

For all license types, go online to https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.html to make a reservation.

You will be required to pay the examination fee of \$44 at the time of the reservation for all examinations **except** for the Contractor I through Contractor V examinations.

3. Go to the test center.

Go to the test center on the reserved day to take the examination, bringing along proper identification. If the scheduled examination is not taken, the examination fee will be forfeited. An additional examination fee must be paid once another examination is scheduled.

4. Submit a license application.

Submit a license application to the Department online at www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/ Agents and click on MyProfile upon successful completion of the examination.

INTRODUCTION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Candidates may contact Pearson VUE with questions about this handbook or an examination, or may contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention with questions about obtaining or maintaining a license.

FOR STATE LICENSING

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LICENSING PROCESS

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EXAM RESERVATIONS

EXAM AUTHORIZATION EXPIRATION

Candidates must be authorized to test. The authorization is valid for 6 months. They must re-apply to the Department to receive a new authorization.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Candidates are required to make an examination reservation online by visiting https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.html. The site will prompt candidates to create a log-in and password before being able to make an examination reservation.

For assistance with online reservations call (888) 204-6289.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Pearson VUE complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act as amended. The purpose of accommodations is to provide candidates with full access to the test. Accommodations are not a guarantee of improved performance or test completion. Pearson VUE provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to individuals with documented disabilities who demonstrate a need for accommodations.

Test accommodations may include things such as:

- · A separate testing room
- · Extra testing time
- A Reader or Recorder, for individuals with mobility or vision impairments and cannot read or write on their own

Test accommodations are individualized and considered on a case-by-case basis. All candidates who are requesting accommodations because of a disability must provide appropriate documentation of their condition and how it is expected to affect their ability to take the test under standard conditions. This may include:

- Supporting documentation from the professional who diagnosed the condition, including the credentials that qualify the professional to make this diagnosis
- A description of past accommodations the candidate has received

The steps to follow when requesting test accommodations vary, depending on your test program sponsor. To begin, go to https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/test-takers/accommodations.html, and then select your test program sponsor from the alphabetized list. Candidates who have additional questions concerning test accommodations may contact the ADA Coordinator at accommodationspearsonvue@pearson.com.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Candidates for whom English is a second language may request additional time for the examination by sending the English as a Second Language (ESL) Request Form (found in the back of this handbook). Candidates should include with this form a letter from his/her English instructor or sponsoring company (on official letterhead, if from a company) stating that English is not a primary language for the candidate. Candidates should not attempt to make a reservation until after they have been notified by Pearson VUE that their request for additional time has been approved. Candidates who have additional questions about ESL examinations should contact the Special Examination Coordinator at (800) 466-0450.

Candidates who need to reschedule or need to retest should notify Pearson VUE Accommodations that special arrangements were used for the prior examination.

CHANGE/CANCEL POLICY

Candidates should go online at least forty-eight (48) hours before the examination to change or cancel a reservation. **Candidates who change or cancel a reservation without proper notice will forfeit the examination fee.** Candidates are individually liable for the examination fee once a reservation has been made, whether individually or by a third party.

ABSENCE/LATENESS POLICY

Candidates who are absent from or late to an examination may be excused for the following reasons:

- Illness of the candidate or that of the candidate's immediate family member
- Death in the immediate family
- Disabling traffic accident
- Court appearance or jury duty
- Military duty
- Weather emergency

Candidates who are absent from or late to an examination and have not changed or canceled the reservation according to the Change/Cancel Policy will not be admitted to the examination and will forfeit the examination fee. Written verification and supporting documentation for excused absences must be submitted to Pearson VUE within fourteen (14) days of the original examination date.

WEATHER DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

If severe weather or a natural disaster makes the Pearson VUE test center inaccessible or unsafe, the examination may be delayed or canceled. Pearson VUE will notify and reschedule candidates in the case of severe weather.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Candidates who do not present the required items will be denied admission to the examination, will be considered absent, and will forfeit the examination fee.

WHAT TO BRING

Required Materials

All candidates are required to bring identification that is deemed acceptable, listed under **Acceptable Forms of Candidate Identification**, to the test center on the day of examination.

Suggested Materials

- One noteboard and pen
- A calculator is built into the exam. However, hand-held, battery-operated, non-programmable, numeric keypad models are permitted. This includes solar-powered models. If a candidate brings the wrong calculator, test administrators can offer a test center calculator.
- Each exam has a specific list of permitted references. See **Study Materials and Permitted Reference Materials** for the supplements that are permitted for use during the examination.

Acceptable Forms of Candidate Identification

Candidate must present **one (1) form** of current unexpired signature identification. The name on the identification must exactly match the name on the registration. The identification must be in English, government issued, photo-bearing with a valid signature.

Primary ID (photograph and signature, not expired)

- · Government-issued Driver's License
- U.S. Dept. of State Driver's License
- U.S. Learner's Permit (plastic card only with photo and signature)
- · National/State/Country Identification Card
- Passport
- Passport cards
- Military ID
- Military ID for spouses and dependents
- Alien Registration Card (Green Card, Permanent Resident Visa)

If the ID presented has an embedded signature that is not visible (microchip), or is difficult or impossible to read, the candidate must present another form of identification from the Primary ID list that contains a visible signature.

Pearson VUE does not recognize grace periods. For example, if a candidate's driver's license expired yesterday and the state allows a 30-day grace period for renewing the ID, the ID is considered to be expired.

EXAM PROCEDURES

Candidates should report to the test center thirty (30) minutes before the examination and check in with the test center administrator. The candidate's identification and other documentation will be reviewed and they will be photographed for the score report.

Candidates are required to review and sign a Candidate Rules Agreement form. If the Candidate Rules Agreement is not followed and/or cheating or tampering with the examination is suspected, the incident will be reported as such and the appropriate action will be taken. The examination fee will not be refunded, the exam may be determined invalid, and/or the state may take further action such as prohibiting candidates from retaking the examination and/or denying a license.

Candidates will have an opportunity to take a tutorial on the computer on which the examination will be administered. The time spent on this tutorial will not reduce the examination time. The examination administrators will answer questions, but candidates should be aware that the administrators are not familiar with the content of the examinations or with the state's licensing requirements. Examination administrators have been instructed not to advise candidates on requirements for licensure. Candidates are responsible for determining which examinations they need to take.

Once candidates are familiar with the examination unit, they may begin the examination. The examination begins the moment a candidate looks at the first question. Candidates will have sufficient time to complete the examination. Please refer to the back cover for the specific time allowed for your examination. After the examination time has expired, the examination unit will automatically turn off. Candidates will leave the test center with their official scores in hand.

TEST CENTER POLICIES

The following policies are observed at each test center. Candidates who violate any of these policies will not be permitted to finish the examination and will be dismissed from the test center, forfeiting the examination fee.

- **No personal items are allowed in the testing room.** Personal items include but are not limited to: cellular phones, hand-held computers or other electronic devices, pagers, watches, wallets, purses, firearms or other weapons, hats, bags, coats, books, and/or notes, pens or pencils.
- Candidates must store all personal items in a secure area as indicated by the administrator, or return items to their vehicle. All electronic devices must be turned off before storing them in a locker. **The test center is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced personal items.**
- The exams do not require a calculator, but candidates may request a calculator from the test center staff if they wish. Personal calculators will **not** be permitted in the test center.
- Studying is not allowed in the test center.
- Visitors, children, family or friends **are not** allowed in the test center.
- Dictionaries, books, papers (including scratch paper), and reference materials are not permitted in the
 examination room (unless permitted by the exam sponsor), and candidates are strongly urged not to
 bring such materials to the test center. Upon entering and being seated in the testing room, the test
 administrator will provide the candidate with materials to make notes or calculations and any other items
 specified by the exam sponsor. The candidate may not write on these items before the exam begins
 or remove these items from the testing room.
- Eating, drinking, chewing gum, smoking, and/or making noise that creates a disturbance for other candidates is prohibited during the exam.
- Break policies are established by the exam sponsor. Most sponsors allow unscheduled breaks. To
 request an unscheduled break, the candidate must raise their hand to get the administrator's attention.
 The exam clock will not stop while the candidate is taking a break.

- Candidates must leave the testing room for all breaks. However, candidates are not permitted to leave
 the floor or building for any reason during this time, unless specified by the administrator and the
 exam sponsor. If a candidate is discovered to have left the floor or building they will not be permitted to
 proceed with the examination and may forfeit the exam fees.
- While taking a break, candidates are permitted to access personal items that are being stored during the
 exam only if necessary— for example, personal medication that must be taken at a specific time. However,
 a candidate must receive permission from the administrator prior to accessing personal items that
 have been stored. Candidates are not allowed access to other items, including but not limited to, cellular
 phones, exam notes, and study guides, unless the exam sponsor specifically permits this.
- Any candidate discovered causing a disturbance of any kind or engaging in any kind of misconduct—giving or receiving help; using notes, books, or other aids; taking part in an act of impersonation; or removing examination materials or notes from the examination room—will be summarily dismissed from the examination and will be reported to the state licensing agency. Decisions regarding disciplinary measures are the responsibility of the state licensing agency.

ABOUT THE EXAM

All examination questions are the property of the Florida Department of Financial Services, and candidates are forbidden under federal copyright law to copy, reproduce, record, distribute or display these questions by any means, in whole or in part, without written permission. Candidates who violate this copyright may be subject to severe civil and criminal penalties, including up to five (5) years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

The examinations contain pretest questions, on which statistical information is being collected for use in constructing future examinations. Pretest questions are distributed throughout the examination, and responses to them do not affect candidates' scores.

PRETEST QUESTIONS

The examination will contain pretest questions. Pretest questions are questions on which statistical information is being collected for use in constructing future examinations. Responses to pretest questions do not affect the score. Pretest questions are mixed in with the scored questions and are not identified.

SCORE REPORTING

When candidates complete the examination, they will receive a photo-bearing score report marked "pass" or "fail". Candidates who pass the examination will receive a score report that includes a numeric score and diagnostic information relating to the examination. Candidates who fail the examination will receive a score report that includes a numeric score and diagnostic information relating to the examination, as well as information about reexamination.

The passing score for all examinations is 70%. This score is computed by dividing the number of questions answered correctly by the total number of examination questions.

Score reports are confidential and will be revealed only to the candidates and to the Department.

Web Based Score reports: Candidates can view their score report on the candidate website (https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.html) if their score report does not print or if they want a duplicate score report.

To access the score report, candidates must sign in to their Pearson VUE account and select View Score Reports under My Account.

RETAKING AN EXAM

Candidates who fail the exam must be re-authorized by the Bureau before they are permitted to schedule it again.

REVIEW OF EXAMS

Candidates who wish to review an examination they failed should contact Pearson VUE at (888) 204-6289. There are no fees for this review, although candidates must request and complete examination reviews within ninety (90) days of the original examination date. Only the last examination the candidate took, along with the answers he/she gave, is available for review. Pearson VUE will not provide the answer key nor the pretest questions. Candidates may spend half the time allotted for the examination on this review. The rules outlined in the **Test Center Policies** will be enforced during this review.

Candidates may not review an examination more than once.

DUPLICATE SCORE REPORTS

Duplicate score reports can be accessed in the candidate's account on www.pearsonvue.com.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE EXAM

Candidates who have questions, comments, or concerns about the examinations, or who wish to verify any data held in Pearson VUE files, should direct written inquiries to Pearson VUE at the address listed on the inside front cover of this handbook.

In all correspondence, candidates should provide their name and address. If questions or comments concern an examination already taken, they should also include:

- the name of the examination
- the date the examination was taken
- · the location of the test center

PREPARING FOR THE EXAM

CONTENT OUTLINES

The examinations for each license type consist of questions that test knowledge of topical areas listed in the appropriate content outline which are the basis for the examinations. These content outlines are developed by the Bureau of Fire Prevention in cooperation with subject matter experts from the Florida fire industry. A yearly Examination Review Workshop is held for the purpose of identifying and classifying the level of knowledge that insurance licensees need to properly serve their clients. Changes in the examination content will be preceded by changes in the content outlines.

STUDY MATERIALS AND PERMITTED REFERENCE MATERIALS

Candidates should bring their own copies of the NFPA code books and Florida Statute Documents listed below. These supplements may be photocopies, bound or unbound, and may contain permanently fixed Post-it notes and/or tabs. **Note: Some of the documents are now only being sold in PDF format (no longer bound books).** The PDF documents in a loose leaf format are acceptable. **Additionally**, removable Post-it notes are not permitted.

The following supplements can be used for study and are permitted as a resource during the Contractor exams only. Each exam has a specific list of permitted references.

Contractor I Permitted Reference Materials

NFPA 11, 2016 Edition, Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam	NFPA 12, 2018 Edition, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 12A, 2018 Edition, Standard on Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems	NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems
NFPA 13D, 2019 Edition, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two- Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes	NFPA 13R, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies
NFPA 14, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems	• NFPA 15, 2017 Edition, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection
NFPA 16, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems	NFPA 17, 2021 Edition, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 17A, 2021 Edition, Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems	NFPA 20, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection
NFPA 22, 2018 Edition, Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection	NFPA 24, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances
NFPA 25, 2020 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems	NFPA 96, 2021 Edition, Standard for the Installation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations
NFPA 2001, 2018 Edition, Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems	Chapter 633, Florida Statutes
Florida Administrative Code 69A-3	Florida Administrative Code 69A-46
Florida Administrative Code 69A-60	Florida Administrative Code 69A-71

Contractor II Permitted Reference Materials

NFPA 11, 2016 Edition, Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam	NFPA 13D, 2019 Edition, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two- Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes
NFPA 13, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems	NFPA 14, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Standpipe and Hose Systems
NFPA 13R, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems in Low-Rise Residential Occupancies	NFPA 16, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems
NFPA 15, 2017 Edition, Standard for Water Spray Fixed Systems for Fire Protection	NFPA 22, 2018 Edition, Standard for Water Tanks for Private Fire Protection
NFPA 20, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection	NFPA 25, 2020 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems
NFPA 24, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances	Chapter 633, Florida Statutes
Florida Administrative Code 69A-46	Florida Administrative Code 69A-3
Florida Administrative Code 69A-71	Florida Administrative Code 69A-60

Contractor III Permitted Reference Materials

NFPA 11, 2016 Edition, Standard for Low-, Medium-, and High-Expansion Foam	NFPA 12, 2018 Edition, Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 12A, 2018 Edition, Standard on Halon 1301 Fire Extinguishing Systems	NFPA 16, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems
NFPA 17, 2021 Edition, Standard for Dry Chemical Extinguishing Systems	NFPA 17A, 2021 Edition, Standard for Wet Chemical Extinguishing Systems
NFPA 25, 2020 Edition, Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems	NFPA 2001, 2018 Edition, Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems
Chapter 633, Florida Statutes	Florida Administrative Code 69A-3
Florida Administrative Code 69A-46	Florida Administrative Code 69A-60
Florida Administrative Code 69A-71	

Contractor IV Permitted Reference Materials

 NFPA 13D, 2019 Edition, Installation of Sprinkler Systems in One- and Two- Family Dwellings and Manufactured Homes 	Chapter 633, Florida Statutes
Florida Administrative Code 69A-3	Florida Administrative Code 69A-46
Florida Administrative Code 69A-60	Florida Administrative Code 69A-71

Contractor V Permitted Reference Materials

 NFPA 24, 2019 Edition, Standard for the Installation of Private Fire Service Mains and Their Appurtenances 	Chapter 633, Florida Statutes
Florida Administrative Code 69A-3	Florida Administrative Code 69A-46
Florida Administrative Code 69A-60	Florida Administrative Code 69A-71



FLORIDA

Fire Prevention Content Outlines

Content Outlines

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) REQUEST FORM



Note: Only candidates who require additional examination time for ESL should use this form.

Candidates who wish to request additional time for ESL should email this form to AccommodationsPearsonVUE@pearson.com or fax this form to Pearson VUE at 610-471-0555. Please attach a letter (on official letterhead) from an instructor or employer that verifies English is your second language.

All requests must first be approved by Pearson VUE. Candidates must wait for confirmation of the approval before scheduling an examination.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY			
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Email address:			
Program / Examination name:			
☐ Additional time for English as a second language			
Candidates should contact Pearson VUE with questions about additional time.			
PEARSON VUE Accommodation Requests for ESL Email: AccommodationsPearsonVUE@pearson.com Fax: 610-471-0555			

GENERAL INFORMATION

Candidates should go online at https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention. https://www.pearsonvue.com/us/en/fl/fire_prevention.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION EXAMS

EXAM	SCORED ITEMS	PRETEST ITEMS	TIMING ALLOTTED	EXAM FEES
FL Fire Protection System Contractor I	100	0	150 minutes	\$0
FL Fire Protection System Contractor II	100	0	150 minutes	\$0
FL Fire Protection System Contractor III	100	0	150 minutes	\$0
FL Fire Protection System Contractor IV	50	0	60 minutes	\$0
FL Fire Protection System Contractor V	100	0	150 minutes	\$0
Portable Extinguisher Licensee	100	0	120 minutes	\$44
Portable Extinguisher Permittee	100	0	120 minutes	\$44
Pre-Engineered systems Licensee	100	0	120 minutes	\$44
Pre-Engineered Systems Permittee	100	0	120 minutes	\$44

PEARSON VUE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Testing may be unavailable on U.S. federal holidays and, in some cases, holiday weekends.