



***Texas Commission on Fire Protection***

***Agenda Item Summary***

**MEETING: Commission  
DATE: 10/29/2015**

**Agenda Item #: 14 A: #3**

**Agenda Title: Testing for Wildland Certification**

**Action to be taken: Discussion and possible final adoption**

***Origin of Item: FF Advisory Committee***

**1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE**

The purpose of the proposed change is to delete obsolete language regarding testing for Basic Wildland certification. The exam was waived during the first year following introduction of the certification.

**2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION**

Obsolete language should be deleted or amended.

**3. BUDGET IMPACT**

None anticipated.

**4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS**

Proposed language is for possible final adoption.

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Reviewed and forwarded as approved by FF Advisory Committee.

**6. REFERENCES**

Title 37, Part 13, Chapter 455 (Wildland Fire Protection), Texas Administrative Code.

## CHAPTER 455

### MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION CERTIFICATION

#### **§455.1 Minimum Standards for Wildland Fire Protection Personnel.**

- (a) A wildland fire fighter is defined as an individual whose assigned function is suppression of fires in the wildland or wildland-urban interface setting.
- (b) Individuals holding Wildland Fire Protection certification shall be required to comply with the continuing education requirements in Chapter 441 of this title (relating to Continuing Education).
- (c) All Wildland Fire Protection certifications issued by the commission and referenced in this chapter are voluntary.

#### **§455.3 Minimum Standards for Basic Wildland Fire Protection Certification.**

In order to be certified as Basic Wildland Fire Protection personnel, an individual must:

- (1) possess valid documentation of accreditation from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress as Wildland Fire Fighter Level I; or
  - (2) complete a commission approved Basic Wildland Fire Protection program and successfully pass the commission examination as specified in Chapter 439 of this title (relating to Examinations for Certification). An approved Basic Wildland Fire Protection training program shall consist of one of the following:
    - (A) completion of the commission approved Basic Wildland Fire Fighter Curriculum, as specified in the applicable chapter of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual; or
    - (B) completion of the following National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) courses:
      - (i) S-130: Firefighter Training
      - (ii) S-190: Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
      - (iii) L-180: Human Factors on the Fireline
      - (iv) I-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, or an equivalent basic incident command system course such as NIMS IS-100.
- [ ~~(3) The commission examination requirement is waived for individuals who have completed the training requirements in paragraph (2)(A) or (B) of this section and apply for certification by August 31, 2013. After this date, individuals must successfully pass the commission examination prior to applying for certification.~~ ]