

# Hazardous Materials

## Certification Application Form



<p>1. SSN Number: _____</p> <p>State DFS-ID Number: _____ (If previously issued – e.g., 111111)</p> <p>Name: _____</p>		<b>For Official Use Only</b>
		Received: _____
		Returned: _____
		Date Issued: _____
		By: _____

2. Titles:
- Hazardous Materials: Awareness
  - Hazardous Materials: Operations
  - Hazardous Materials: Incident Commander
  - Mission Specific Competencies: 6.2: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Mission Specific Competencies 6.6: Product Control
  - Seeking Equivalency Determination. See page two of this form.

### 3. Hazardous Material Certification Titles and their Credentialing Requirements

Please check above the appropriate box(s) corresponding to the Hazardous Materials Level to be issued. You may apply for multiple certification levels using this ONE application.

**Submittal Instructions:** Please provide the following documentation with your application: 1) Photocopy of your birth certificate or driver's license; 2) instructional program completion certificates; and proof that you successfully passed the State final exams associated with the certification level requested. Copies of State certification certificates should be included with the documentation to prove certifications issued. Please note that certification will not be issued unless documentation has been received and validated.

**Hazardous Materials: Awareness** Credentialing Criteria: Be at least 18 years of age; Possess a NJ Firefighter I certification issued by the NJ Division of Fire Safety; Successfully complete the NJ adopted Hazardous Materials: Awareness instructional program, and pass the State exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the most current edition of the adopted NFPA 472 standard, specific to Chapter 4.

**Hazardous Materials: Operations** Credentialing Criteria: Be at least 18 years of age; Possess NJ Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials: Awareness certifications issued by the NJ Division of Fire Safety; Successfully complete the NJ adopted Hazardous Materials: Operations instructional program, and pass the State exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the most current edition of the adopted NFPA 472 standard, specific to Chapter 5.

**Hazardous Materials: Incident Commander** Credentialing Criteria: Be at least 18 years of age; Possess both the NJ Firefighter I and Hazardous Materials: Operations certifications issued by the NJ Division of Fire Safety; Successfully complete the NJ adopted Hazardous Materials: Incident Commander instructional program, and pass the State exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the most current edition of the adopted NFPA 472 standard, specific to Chapter 8.

Competencies for Operations Level Responders Assigned Mission-Specific Responsibilities:

**Mission Specific Competencies-Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** Credentialing Criteria: Possess a Hazardous Materials: Operations certification issued by the NJ Division of Fire Safety; Successfully complete the mission specific competencies for personal protective equipment within the instructional program, and pass the State exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the most current edition of the adopted NFPA 472 standard, specific to Chapter 6.2.

**Mission Specific Competencies-Product Control** Credentialing Criteria: Possess a Hazardous Materials: Operations certification issued by the NJ Division of Fire Safety; Successfully complete the mission specific competencies for product control within the instructional program, and pass the State exams that evaluate the Job Performance Requirements (JPR's) and components of requisite knowledge and skills contained in the most current edition of the adopted NFPA 472 standard, specific to Chapter 6.6.

4. I do hereby certify that the documentation submitted with this application is accurate and is true. I am aware that if any of the documentation is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Hazardous Materials Certification Application Form Instructions

Please type or print clearly on the application form.  
Certification will not be issued unless documentation is received and validated.

## Section

1. Enter your Social Security Number (SSN) and six digit Firefighter Identification Number (FFID) if previously issued to you. Provide your name. The collection of the SSN is **mandatory**, and is collected under authority of N.J.S.A. 54:50-24 et seq. and Administrative Rule N.J.A.C. 5:3-1.2. The mandatory provision requires the collection of your SSN which enables both the Division of Fire Safety within the Department of Community Affairs and the Division of Taxation within the Department of Treasury to conduct more efficiently, the necessary background check before issuance, denial, renewal, suspension or revocation of a certification.
2. Hazardous Materials Certification Titles. Indicate by checking the box associated with the Title(s) to be certified. You may use this form to apply for multiple titles at once.
3. Hazardous Materials Certification Titles Credentialing Requirements. Explained on the first page.

Please note that it shall be the responsibility of the employer to maintain the necessary documentation as set forth in the most current edition of the NFPA 472 standard, that the individual certified through N.J.A.C. 5:73-6 has met the job performance requirements associated with the certification title. A crosswalk document to reference would be 29 CFR 1910.120, which requires statements from the employer that the employee is familiar with the criteria of 29 CFR 1920.120(q)(6)(v)(A) through (F). Regarding the Hazardous Materials: Incident Commander certification title, the employer would need to document that the employee: Knows and is able to implement the employer's incident command system; Knows how to implement the employer's emergency response plan (SOP's & SOG's); Knows and understands the hazards and risks associated with employees working in chemical protective clothing (selection of appropriate PPE); Knows how to implement the local emergency response plan (ERP); Knows of the state emergency response plan and of the Federal Regional Response Team; and, Knows and understands the importance of decontamination procedures.

### Equivalence Determination Criteria Explained:

The equivalency determination is intended to be applied to out-of-state instructional programs accredited by ProBoard or IFSAC, or applied to a program of instruction deemed "equivalent" to the State adopted instructional program and which meets the current associated NFPA 472 standard JPR's at time of application submittal. The program submitted for review should be consistent with the New Jersey adopted program instructional objectives and hours associated with its delivery.

Submittal Instructions: Please provide the following documentation with your application: 1) Photocopy of your birth certificate or driver's license; 2) instructional program completion certificates; and proof that you successfully passed the State final testing requirements identified for the hazardous materials title requested. Please note that certification will not be issued unless documentation has been received and validated.

4. The application form must be signed and dated.

Forward the application form and supportive documentation to:

**Attn: Hazardous Materials Certification  
Office of Training and Certification  
Division of Fire Safety  
P.O. Box 809  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0809**

### Office Staff Contact Information

Questions about Firefighter certification requirements and procedures should be directed to the staff of the Office of Training and Certification at (609) 777-3552 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.