

RESIDENCY PREFERENCE FOR THE 2008 FIREFIGHTER ENTRY LEVEL EXAM

Massachusetts General Law Ch. 31, section 58, permits cities and towns to ask that residents be placed on entry-level firefighter lists before non-residents. A resident is a person who has lived in the same city or town for the full year before the date of the examination. Your residence, for civil service purposes, is the place where you actually lived and intended as your permanent home. If you were in the military, you may use the city or town where you lived when you entered the service, if you returned to that municipality after you left the military. If you are still in the military, check the [Vet & Military Info](#) section of the HRD Civil Service Unit website www.mass.gov/civilservice for more information.

Human Resources Division (HRD) no longer requires applicants to submit two proofs of residency and will grant you residency in the city or town that you declare on your original Residency Preference Claim Form at the exam. However, if HRD or the municipality determines that you intentionally made a false claim your name will be removed from all firefighter civil service lists in accordance with Personnel Administration Rule .03.

Please select the appropriate departments from the list below and fill them in on the Residency Preference Worksheet. Bring your Worksheet to the exam site where you will transfer this information to the original Residency Preference Claim Form.

The cities and towns followed by **one asterisk** are communities that currently have no upper age limit and may accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 31, section 58A, at any time. Such action would impose an upper age limit of 32 for all new public safety hires. The cities and towns followed by **two asterisks** are communities that have accepted the provisions of [MGL Chapter 31, section 58A](#) and they only accept candidates who were younger than age 32 as of the exam date as new public safety hires. However, if you are a [qualified veteran](#), either still in or released from the military, [you may add up to a maximum of four years of service time to your age \(to a maximum age of 36\)](#) and still be eligible for appointment in communities that have accepted section 58A. The cities and towns **without an asterisk** are communities that only accept candidates who were younger than age 32 as of last date to apply for the exam. The symbol # denotes reserve/intermittent (roster) list.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS COVERED BY CIVIL SERVICE (As of April 2008)

FIRE CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES							
Cambridge*#	838	Framingham*	450	Lowell*#	411		
Chelsea*#	803	Holyoke*	245	Springfield*	249		
Fitchburg**	309	Lawrence*#	511				

FIRE NON-CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES							
Abington*	709	Everett*#	836	Milford	345	Somerville*	839
Acushnet	645	Fairhaven*	646	Milton*	811	Stoneham#	431
Agawam*	253	Fall River*	641	Nahant*	534	Stoughton*	622
Amesbury*	504	Falmouth**	731	Natick**	451	Swampscott***	528
Andover**	512	Franklin*	616	Needham*	601	Taunton***	634
Arlington	433	Gardner*	307	New Bedford*	644	Tewksbury*#	412
Athol*	304	Gloucester*#	532	Newburyport*	507	Wakefield*	422
Attleboro*	627	Greenfield*#	213	Newton	453	Waltham*#	448
Bedford#	427	Hanover*	707	North Adams*#	103	Ware#	243
Belmont**	437	Haverhill#	502	North Andover#	513	Watertown	440
Beverly*#	530	Hingham	702	North Attleboro	626	Wellesley	452
Billerica	418	Holbrook***	624	North Reading*#	414	Westfield#	244
Boston**	807	Hopedale*	353	Norton	631	W. Springfield	248
Bourne**	730	Hudson	443	Norwood***	609	Westwood**	607
Brockton*	630	Hull*#	701	Peabody*#	520	Weymouth*	625
Brookline*	841	Ipswich#	518	Pittsfield*	112	Whitman*	711
Burlington#	419	Leominster#	315	Plainville*	619	Wilmington#	413
Canton***	610	Ludlow*	247	Plymouth*	723	Winchester**	430
Chelmsford#	410	Lynn*	526	Quincy*	812	Winthrop*	802
Chicopee*	246	Malden	835	Randolph*	613	Woburn*#	420
Clinton*	318	Mansfield	628	Reading*	421	Worcester***	333
Cohasset*	703	Marblehead#	529	Revere*#	801	Wrentham**	618
Danvers*	521	Marlborough***	449	Rockland*	706		
Dedham**	603	Marshfield*#	708	Salem*#	527		
Dracut#	406	Medford*	834	Saugus*#	525		
Easthampton#	239	Melrose*#	432	Scituate*	704		
Easton	629	Methuen#	501	Shrewsbury**	334		