

## **Dracut Fire Chief Sole Assessment Center with Experience/Certification/Training & Education**

**Application Deadline: February 14, 2024**

**Examination Date: March 21, 2024**

**Examination Fee: \$150**

**Examination Location: TBD**

**Eligible List:** Individuals placed on the resulting eligible list shall be eligible for certification from such list for such period as the administrator shall determine, but in any event not to exceed two years, unless otherwise outlined in Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 31, § 25 or the Human Resources Division (HRD) revocation policy.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for this examination you must: (1) be an employee in the fire department for which the examination is given with permanent civil service status in the specified eligible title(s) by the date of the examination; and (2) have served in the force at least one year since your name was first certified in the eligible title(s), regardless of whether the certification resulted in your appointment to the eligible title(s). The eligible list establishment date is not the same as certified date. The certified date is when your name was first reachable on a certification for a promotional vacancy. A combination of temporary and permanent service can be applied towards meeting this one year requirement. Time spent as a temporary Fire Chief will not interrupt the service period in your permanent position.\*

**Eligible Title(s):** Deputy Fire Chief

Note: Pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 31, § 59, if less than four applications are received from eligible candidates, this examination will be postponed. If the examination's eligible title has been lowered to the entry level rank, the examination will go forward if less than four eligible candidates submit applications.

*\*If the eligible title has been lowered to the entry level rank you must have served in the force at least one or three years depending on the participating municipality.*

**Examination Weights:** The Sole Assessment Center will be 80% and the Experience/Certification/Training & Education (ECT&E) will be 20% of the final score.

### **Essential Duties:**

The Fire Chief is responsible for the supervision and coordination of personnel under their command to ensure their effectiveness and efficiency in performing their duties.

*For a complete job description and list of duties and responsibilities, please contact the Dracut Fire Department.*

### **Typical Qualifications:**

**Application:** All applications must be received by the application deadline and accompanied by an examination processing fee of \$150. You will receive two confirmation emails: one email confirming your application has been received, and one email confirming your payment has been received by

Civil Service. Your application is not complete until you have received both confirmation emails. If you have not submitted both payments by February 14, 2024, your application will not be accepted.

**Experience/Certification/Training & Education (ECT&E):** All candidates must complete the 2024 Dracut Fire Chief ECT&E Claim application online. Submitting an ECT&E claim in any way other than through the online claim process will result in a failed examination component. Instructions and a link to the ECT&E claim will be emailed to you prior to the Assessment Center administration date. A confirmation email will be sent upon successful submission of an ECT&E Claim application.

All claims and supporting documentation must be received within seven calendar days following the Assessment Center examination date. Supporting documentation must be scanned and attached to the application or sent to [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov) no later than March 28, 2024.

Please note that:

- ECT&E is an examination component, and therefore must be completed by the examinee.
- Failure to complete this component as instructed will result in a candidate not receiving any credit for ECT&E.
- Credit for ECT&E will be calculated for all candidates.

Please be sure to read the instructions carefully. In order to ensure that no one receives any type of unfair advantage in the claim process, we are unable to provide individualized assistance to any candidate and so, no phone calls or email inquiries regarding the content of this examination component will be accepted or responded to. Once you receive your examination mark, you will have 17 calendar days from the emailing of your mark to appeal in writing your ECT&E score.

**Statutory Preference Points:** Upon submission of written proof, two points will be added to the passing score of qualified Veterans and Disabled Veterans or individuals who have 25 years of service as a member of a regular police or fire force and have passed an examination for promotional appointment in such force. If you are qualified for both the Veteran's Preference and the Promotional Preference for 25 years of service, please be advised that two points are the maximum allowable number of points to be added to your passing, overall (general average) examination score. To claim the Promotional Preference for 25 years of service, candidates must claim this preference in the application and either attach the [Employment Verification Form for Sole Assessment Center](#) form to the application or email it to [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov). To claim veterans preference, claim veteran status in the application and attach your DD214 to the application or email it to [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov). For more information on veteran status refer to the [Military Information](#) section on our website.

During the HRD review process or during the life of the applicable eligible list(s), candidates must make original supporting documentation available should the issue of authenticity arise with any submitted document copies.

**Current Military Personnel:** All military personnel who, in connection with current service, have military orders that indicate their unavailability due to military service on the examination date, must file an application, examination processing fee and a written request for a makeup examination along with a copy of the military orders attached. Please include in your request your email address, daytime base phone number and/or name and phone number of a friend or family member with whom you have regular contact and entrust with your personal communication. Requests filed after the application deadline (February 14, 2024), must be accompanied by a DD214 showing discharge

within six months of the request and dates of active service that include the entire application period. For more information refer to the [Military Information](#) section on our website.

**Makeup Examination:** With the exception of current military personnel as described above, no candidate has a right to a makeup examination due to personal or professional conflicts on the testing date. Candidates are advised to consider this before applying for the examination. Makeup examinations for unforeseen circumstances will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. You can submit this request by emailing [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov) and attaching all verifiable documentation to support this request no later than seven calendar days from the examination date. HRD reserves the right to approve or deny your request and may require an additional processing fee upon approval.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** If you need special testing accommodations due to a documented impairment or medical condition, you must submit a letter of support from a qualified professional detailing what type of accommodation you require at the examination site, and such letter must be scanned and attached to the application or emailed to Civil Service at [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov) by February 14, 2024. Without such a letter, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to grant your accommodation. This information is requested only to provide reasonable accommodation for examinations and will not be used for any other purposes.

**Updating Information:** Candidates are responsible for maintaining accurate contact information. Failure to keep your records current may jeopardize opportunities for promotion. For information on how to update your information, click on [Update Account](#).

**Identification at the Examination Site:** At the examination site, candidates must present a current and valid government issued photo identification with signature (e.g., driver's license, passport, military ID). Candidates will not be allowed to take the examination without valid identification.

**Private School or Service:** HRD does not recommend or endorse any private school, service, or publisher offering preparation and/or publications for examinations and is not responsible for their advertising claims.

**Refunds:** There will be no refund of the examination processing fee unless the examination is cancelled by HRD.

#### **Supplemental Information:**

**Women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.**

**For more information or inquiries about this and other civil service examinations, visit [www.mass.gov/civilservice](http://www.mass.gov/civilservice) or email the Civil Service Unit at [civilservice@mass.gov](mailto:civilservice@mass.gov)**

**The Civil Service Unit's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:45am – 5:00pm, except holidays. Inquiries may also be made to the Civil Service Unit during these hours at the following numbers:**

**Boston area: (617) 878-9895 or (617) 878-9700**

**Toll-Free Within Massachusetts: 1-800-392-6178**  
**TTY Number: (617) 878-9762**