

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE CHIEF RE-CREDENTIAL (FCRC)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fire Service Commission
Fire Chief Re-Credential

APPLICATION REQUEST FOR FIRE CHIEF RE-CREDENTIAL LMS STUDENT ID _____

Name _____
Department _____ Current Position/Rank _____ Years in Position _____
Daytime Phone _____ Email _____
Work Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Date of Initial Credential _____
Date of Last Credential _____

A COMPLETED APPLICATION INCLUDES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Credential Commitment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed Mission and Code of Conduct | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal Education Score Card | Formal Education _____ points (max 20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Degree or Certificate Attached | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certifications and Exams Score Card | Fire Certs/Exams _____ points (max 20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Certifications Attached | Other Certs/Exams _____ points (max 15) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Memberships Score Card | Membership _____ points (max 10) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Membership Attached | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boards/Commissions/Technical Committees Score Card | Boards/Commissions _____ points (max 50) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development Score Card | Professional Development _____ points (max 70) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transcripts or Course Certificates Attached | |

All supplemental verification documents should be at the end of the document or in 1 additional separate file.

YOUR _____ POINTS

TOTAL REQUIRED 72 POINTS

(DFS Use Only)

☐ Denied ☐ Approved

Name/Title _____ Authorized Signature _____ Date _____ Approval # _____



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An individual wishing to maintain the Fire Chief Credential will be required to accumulate 72 points of approved attendance/activities in a 36-month period that begins on the date of issuance of the Fire Chief Credential.

In the event a previously credentialed individual fails to acquire the minimum points in the 36-month period the Fire Chief Credential shall become void.

An individual previously awarded credential by the Fire Service Commission who has allowed it to expire, and wishes to have the credentialing reinstated will be required to comply with the current minimum standards established for "re-credentialing".

Minimum standards are defined as: accumulating the required points of approved attendance/activities in a consecutive 36-month period from the date of the submitted application and not prior to the initial/last credential date.

Credential Commitment

I understand that credentialing is subject to the approval of the Fire Service Commission. I will execute the necessary documents and supply further information as determined by the committee. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation submitted in the course of these proceedings may result in the revocation of any credentialing.

I hereby attest that I am currently an active member of the Massachusetts Fire Service and give permission for verification of any information provided in this application.

Sign_____

Date_____

Credentialing is valid for 3-years and requires 72 points of continuing education during a consecutive 3-year period.

The Continuing Education component is designed to encourage that new achievement is made during each consecutive 3-year period. This includes remaining current and active with organizations and committees and by keeping your certifications current, if they require continuing education. The goal is to assist the credentialed Fire Chief in maintaining a higher level of professionalism within the fire service after initial credentialing.



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MISSION

Our mission is to provide effective leadership to the fire and emergency services of the Commonwealth.

CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

A key value within the fire and emergency service is strong, ethical and competent leadership. Most professionals abide by a Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct, which expresses their understanding of what constitutes acceptable behavior.

Abiding by these standards is required for continued recognition as a designated Fire Chief and serves notice to the public who entrust their confidence in the abilities and integrity of the Fire Chief. It is meant to foster the need for our fire chiefs to follow these codes in their daily professions as well as in their daily lives.

SECTION 1

We shall be dedicated to the concepts of effective fire protection by responsible fire chiefs and we believe that professional management is essential to the achievement of this objective. We pledge ourselves to advance the science of fire service through training courses and other methods to meet the proper requirements of our profession.

SECTION 2

We recognize that the most important function of local fire departments is to serve the best interests of the community.

SECTION 3

We shall be dedicated to the highest ideals of personal character, honor and integrity in all public and personal relationships in order that fire chiefs may merit the respect and confidence of the community.

SECTION 4

We shall refrain from participating in political activities which may impair our performance as professional administrators.

SECTION 5

We shall handle all matters in our best judgment so that fairness and impartiality govern our decisions.

SECTION 6

We shall observe all of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all applicable local statutes.

SECTION 7

We shall make known the risks to be anticipated, should the fire chief's professional recommendations be disregarded by others.

SECTION 8

We shall recognize the professional competence and the mutual dependence of all fire chiefs and we pledge cooperation to those professionals and agencies concerned with the improvement of fire protection.

Sign_____

Date_____



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FORMAL EDUCATION

☐ College Degree or Certificate Attached

College degrees can be in any subject for credit. No credit for partial completion of degree requirements will be awarded. All degrees or course work must be from an accredited college or university.

Credit is awarded for certificates and degrees earned during the 3-year period since last credential.

	CRITERIA POINTS	DATE	YOUR POINTS
MAX	20		
College Certificate	3		
Associates Degree	5		
Bachelors Degree	10		
Masters Degree	15		
Doctorate PhD	20		



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CERTIFICATIONS AND EXAMS

☐ Proof of Certifications Attached

Certifications can be issued by Federal, State, NFPA, or other entity recognized by the commission.

Credit for fire examinations will only be awarded if a passing score is achieved and earned during the 3-year period. Full Point credit assumes examinations were administered by the Massachusetts Human Resources Division. The commission will consider examinations conducted by other entities on an individual basis.

Choose ONLY highest level attained for maximum points.

FIRE OFFICER CERTIFICATIONS AND EXAMS

	CRITERIA POINTS	DATE	YOUR POINTS
MAX	20		
Fire Officer I or Fire Lieutenant	5		
Fire Officer II or Fire Captain	10		
Fire Officer III or Deputy/District/Assistant Chief	15		
Fire Officer IV or Chief of Department*	20		

* The Massachusetts HRD "Chief of Department" or an equivalent exam with a passing score will be considered when requesting the 20 points in the Fire Officer IV or Chief of Department exam.

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS AND EXAMS

	CRITERIA POINTS	DATE	YOUR POINTS
MAX	15		
EMT: Basic	5		
EMT: Intermediate	10		
EMT: Paramedic	15		
Fire Inspector I	5		
Fire Inspector II	10		
Fire Inspector III	15		
Fire Instructor I	5		
Fire Instructor II	10		
Fire Instructor III	15		
Fire Prevention Officer I Credential	10		
Fire Prevention Officer II Credential	15		
Incident Safety Officer	10		
Hazardous Materials: Operations	5		
Hazardous Materials :Technician	10		
Public Fire and Life Safety Educator I	5		
Technical Rescuer: Confined Space Rescue I/II	5		
Technical Rescuer: Rope Rescue I/II	5		
Technical Rescuer: Trench Rescue I/II	5		



☐ Membership Cards or a Letter Acknowledging Acceptance of Membership Attached

Local, county, state, regional, and international organizations are accepted.

The applicant must be a member during the 3-year period since last credential.

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BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/TECHNICAL COMMITTEES*

Examples of approved organizations include, but not limited to:
Massachusetts Fire Training Council, Fire Service Commission,
Board of Fire Prevention Regulations, Hazardous Materials Advisory Board, 9-1-1 Commission, Massachusetts
Homeland Security Councils, NFPA Technical Committees, etc.

The applicant must be a member during the 3-year period since last credential.

	CRITERIA POINTS	YOUR POINTS
MAX	50	
4 Points Per Year Per Board/Commission/Technical Committee	List Dates (YYYY-YYYY)	

*Membership on Boards/Commissions Technical Committees to be credited must be based on regional or statewide service, not at the municipal level and evidence a benefit to the fire service or the public as a whole.

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