

Occupational Authorizations

for the meeting of the
ALC-OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 2:00 PM

Arkansas Fire Training Academy

FIREFIGHTER II

Authorization Type: # of Individuals Regulated:

Entity Division Name:

Scope of Practice:

Statutory Requirement(s):

Pursuant to Arkansas Code §17-4-104, do you provide an automatic licensure to a uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas, a uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; and the spouse of a uniformed service member who is stationed in, resides in, or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; and a uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state?

No

If NO, the rule establishing the expedited process and procedure:

(none provided)

Fees & Penalties

Fee Type	Fee Description	Amount (\$)	Frequency
Fee	Certification seal	\$25.00	Once

Administrative Rules Documents

No Administrative Rules Documents Provided

Supporting Evidence Documents

No Supporting Evidence Documents Provided

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Responses to the following questions are due via email to Subcommittee staff no later than the 15th of the month immediately preceding the month the occupational authorization is scheduled for review by the Subcommittee.

1. Would consumers be at risk of substantial harm if Arkansas did not have this occupational authorization?

Significant potential harm to the persons, properties and natural resources of the State exists without the issuance of certifications from our entity.

What instances of specific and substantial harm have been documented in the past year?

Hundreds of fire and emergency medical events take place in the State daily. Additionally, non-emergency operations such as public education, community risk reduction, fire and safety inspections, and fire investigations are multiple daily events as well.

2. How many complaints were made to the occupational entity by consumers being harmed by unauthorized practitioners?

Zero. The fire and emergency service personnel of the State do a great job of monitoring their training activities to ensure they meet minimum standards.

What specific action was taken by the occupational entity?

NA

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4. Were any applicants who otherwise met authorization requirements denied an authorization in the past year?

No.

If so, why?

NA

5. How much does the occupational entity collect annually in fees, and what are annual expenses?

We collect approximately \$250,000 in various fees including certification seals and student fees for those students from out of state or industry. Our expenses are around \$2M. We receive a budget of about \$1.8M from the State.

How much money does the occupational entity have in reserves?

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Around \$100,000

6. If the occupational entity has a positive amount in reserves, when was the last time reserve funds were used?

We now use reserve funds on a monthly basis – typically for maintenance. We are underfunded currently to sustainably meet our needs.

For what purpose?

Repair of an elevator electronically damaged during a storm.

7. Does the occupational entity have any other sources of revenue?

We have no other opportunities for revenue, but our revenue is a budget supplement.

Could occupational authorization fees be reduced without causing the occupational entity to be underfunded?

No. We use our revenue to support day to day operations and annual goals.

8. How many applicants for the occupational authorization fail each year?

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>1%. Once our students reach the testing phase, they are rarely unsuccessful. We do have students that are unsuccessful during their program of study. Specific numbers are not currently available.

Does the occupational entity track how many applicants that do not progress are veterans, women, or minorities?

No.

9. Can applicants complete the training requirements for this occupational authorization with vocational or non-traditional education (e.g., apprenticeships)? What percentage of applicants complete apprenticeships?

Certifications are unable to be completed without testing. Volunteer fire departments make up the majority of fire departments in the State and most firefighters in the State are volunteer. No certifications are required for volunteer firefighters. Although difference than an apprenticeship, no fees and no testing are required to become a volunteer firefighter that meets are established requirements.

10. In what ways would removal of the occupational authorization or reduction of occupational authorization requirements be harmful to current authorization holders?

The removal of these authorizations (certifications) or a reduction of requirements would be exponentially detrimental for years to come.

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The Arkansas Fire Training Academy is on the cusp of becoming a major training provider in the COUNTRY. We have previously and have scheduled in the future, course delivery at DoD facilities. We draw students from out of state now, but have a desire to enhance that and add DoD personnel traveling to this site. A short-term investment will reap benefits that we believe could lead to a near self-sustaining operation with the additional of two personnel and a new program . Significant investments have been made in the fire academy, which we are genuinely grateful for. The future is bright. Thank you for all that you do.