

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION**

**ACCREDITED FIREFIGHTER
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**



**DRIVER OPERATOR
MOBILE WATER SUPPLY
CANDIDATE HANDBOOK**

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The purpose of this manual is to provide information for successful participation in accredited certification testing. Content herein outlines the pre-requisites, testing and application process, and provides you with a study guide reference list.

Accredited certification is administered by the Kentucky Fire Commission with accreditation issued by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

In accordance with *KRS Chapter 95A*, the Kentucky Fire Commission is the certifying agency of firefighters within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The fire commission establishes fire service personnel standards and education and administers firefighter certification, both through training and certification through testing. This manual is related solely to the accredited certification through testing process. Authority for conducting and maintaining the accredited certification process is delegated to State Fire Rescue Training.

Application Process

1. Prior to certification, candidate shall submit a completed application for Driver Operator-MWS certification to the Accredited Certification Office of the Kentucky Fire Commission, P.O. Box 248, Morehead, KY 40351. Applications are available online at www.kyffcert.com or by contacting an area office of KCTCS-State Fire Rescue Training. Applications can also be obtained by calling the accredited certification office at 888-301-2946.
2. Application shall be signed by the candidate and the training instructor, agency head or designee.
3. All components of the application shall be completed.
4. Application shall be submitted with the skills testing documents.

Pre-requisites to certify

1. Eligibility to certify to NFPA 1002 Chap 10 Driver Operator-MWS requires the candidate be:
 - a. Affiliated with a Kentucky fire department, or
 - b. Enrolled in a fire science program through an office of State Fire Rescue Training within KCTCS or Eastern Kentucky University, and
2. Kentucky accredited certification as Firefighter I, or out of state accredited Firefighter I certification eligible for reciprocity in Kentucky, and
3. Kentucky accredited certification as Driver Operator-Pumper or out of state accredited DO-Pumper certification eligible for reciprocity in Kentucky.
4. Eligibility to certify is based upon completion of a series of components, including:
 - a. Skill performance evaluation
 - b. Completion of application for certification

Pre-requisites to test

1. Eligibility to test to NFPA 1002 Chap 10 Driver Operator-MWS requires the candidate be:
 - a. A Minimum of eighteen (18) years of age, and
 - b. Affiliated with a Kentucky fire department, or
 - c. Enrolled in a fire science program through an office of State Fire Rescue Training within KCTCS or Eastern Kentucky University, and
 - d. Payment of required testing fees.

Course of study

Being a certification eligible through challenge testing, the Kentucky Fire Commission does not require a specific course of study to test or certify to NFPA 1002 Driver Operator-MWS. However, it is recommended that candidates have completed an extensive course in tanker/tender operations or mobile water supply operations prior to testing.

Certification Testing

1. Written Test

- a. There is NO written examination for this level of certification. Cognitive knowledge is measured through certification as a Driver Operator-Pumper.

2. Skills Test

- a. Class-Based Testing
 - i. Driver Operator-MWS skill testing consists of four (4) skills from Chapters 4 and 10 of NFPA 1002:2009 Ed.
 - ii. Candidate shall show competency for each skill required.
- b. Challenge Testing
 - i. Driver Operator skills testing consists of four (4) stations, one for each skill required under Chapters 4 and 10 of NFPA 1002:2009 Ed.
 - ii. Candidate shall attempt each station.
 - iii. Challenge testing is scheduled on an as needed basis.
- c. Candidate must pass all skills presented.
- d. Candidate shall be required to provide their own vehicle/apparatus for practical applications.

Re-testing for unsuccessful attempts

1. Written Test

- a. Not applicable.

2. Skills Test

- a. Candidates are permitted 2 attempts at each skill station. Retests will be performed on the same skill as failed.
- b. Retests may be attempted only at the same test site, on the same day initially failed.
- c. Two (2) evaluators will be utilized at all retests, neither of which performed the initial examination.

Accommodations

The Kentucky Fire Commission Certification Program offers reasonable accommodations for the written certification exams for individuals with documented disabilities. Additional information can be found within the Disability Accommodations Policy, located at www.kyffcert.com, or by contacting the Accredited Certification office at 888-301-2946.

Certificates

Certificates are issued through the fire commission accredited certification office and are mailed to the candidate through the candidate's agency training officer. Certification data is maintained on each candidate in a database at the fire commission accredited certification office.

Safety Policy

For the safety and protection of all participants all equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) being used for testing must meet the NFPA or NIOSH standard at the time of manufacture. PPE will be inspected prior to being used for testing, and must be appropriate for the candidates job description.

Test Results/Release of Results

The Kentucky Fire commission Accredited Certification office notifies candidates of their results in writing via electronic mail provided at time of test. If no email is available, a confidential letter will be sent by US Mail to the candidate's department.

Study Reference List

The following is a list of materials/documents that may be referenced in preparation for testing.

1. NFPA 1002, Standard on Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications, 2009 Edition.
2. IFSTA Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 2nd Edition
3. Skill Sheets are available on the accredited certification website, www.kyffcert.com or by calling the accredited certification office at 888-301-2946.

Additional Information

1. Photo ID is required at the time of skills testing.
2. Skills testing requires candidate to bring full protective clothing. PPE shall include safe, appropriate gear that was NFPA or NIOSH approved at the time of manufacture. Candidate shall bring, at minimum, full protective equipment appropriate for job description. Gear or components that were previously approved, but have since become inappropriate for protection, will not be permitted.
3. Dress appropriately. Skills testing may require extra dry clothes.
4. Additional information may be found on the fire commission accredited certification website at www.kyffcert.com .

Certification applications, skill sheets and test site contact information can be found at www.kyffcert.com .

If you have any additional questions or concerns about the testing process please contact the SFRT area coordinator at the area in which you chose to be tested at or the Kentucky Fire Commission Accredited Certification office by calling 888-301-2946.