Pro Board & TCFP FAQs



1. How do I know if the Pro Board certification I received is eligible for state certification?

If you have been issued a Pro Board certification from TEEX, it must have been in conjunction with a course that was approved by the TCFP (contact TEEX for this information) and have the edition year (or later) of the standard as listed to the right to be considered for state certification. There are 3 exceptions to this clause: HazMat IC*, Fire Officer 3**, and Fire Officer 4**.

2. How do I apply for TCFP state certification using my TEEX Pro Board certificate(s)?

Once the new state rules become effective, TEEX Pro Board certifications that are eligible for state certification will have the Texas Commission on Fire Protection course approval number printed on it. If your Pro Board certification does not have a TCFP course approval number, you need to contact TEEX to determine if it is eligible. Contact the TEEX manager listed on the course description on TEEX.org, or call the main number to TEEX at 866-878-8900 and ask for the training manager for the course approval number.

Pro Board Certifications Eligible for State Certification

Standard	Level	Oldest Edition Year Accepted
472	HazMat Technician, Incident Commander*	2008
1072	HazMat Technician, Incident Commander*	2017
1001	Fire Fighter 1 & 2	2008
1002	D/O Pumper	2009
1003	ARFF	2010
1021	Fire Officer 1, 2, 3**, & 4**	2009
1031	Inspector 1, 2, and Plans Examiner 1	2009
1041	Instructor 1 & 2	2007

^{*}Through February 2015, an individual is eligible for TCFP HazMat IC certification upon documentation of Pro Board certification issued by TEEX using the 2008 edition of the NFPA standard without having prior TCFP course approval.

Once you determine that the TEEX Pro Board certification is eligible for TCFP state certification, you can apply for certification through the TCFP system.

3. Who do I contact to find out if my Pro Board certification is eligible for reciprocity?

If you have questions about your Pro Board, contact the manager listed on the course description on <u>TEEX.org</u>, or call the main number to TEEX at 866-878-8900 and ask to speak to the training manager for the specific course.

4. Can I convert my TCFP State or IFSAC certification into Pro Board certification?

No, TEEX cannot convert TCFP state or IFSAC certifications to Pro Board due to TEEX accreditation requirements through the Pro Board. You must successfully pass our TEEX exams that are delivered in conjunction with our training programs to receive a Pro Board certification.

^{**}Through February 2015, an individual is eligible for TCFP Fire Officer 3 and/or 4 certifications upon documentation of Pro Board certification issued by TEEX using the 2009 edition of the NFPA standard without having prior TCFP course approval.

5. Can I convert my Pro Board certification for IFSAC?

No, TCFP cannot convert a TEEX Pro Board certification for IFSAC due to their accreditation requirements. To pursue IFSAC certification through the state, you must complete all state testing through TCFP.

6. When do the new TCFP rules go into effect?

A firm date has not been established. Check http://www.tcfp.texas.gov/ for the latest updates on the implementation of the new rules.

7. I lost my Pro Board certification, how do I get another one?

TEEX charges a \$15 reprinting fee for Pro Board certifications. Please email estiproboard@teex.tamu.edu to request a reprint of your certification.

8. What Pro Board NFPA levels are approved for state certification?

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Standard	Level	Oldest Edition Year Accepted
472	HazMat Technician, Incident Commander*	2008
1072	HazMat Technician, Incident Commander*	2017
1001	Fire Fighter 1 & 2 (includes, HazMat Awareness, Operations, PPE, and Product Control as part of certification)	2008
1002	D/O Pumper	2009
1003	ARFF	2010
1021	Fire Officer 1, 2, 3, & 4	2009
1031	Inspector 1, 2, and Plans Examiner 1 (These certifications combined are equivalent to TCFP Basic Inspector certification)	2009
1041	Instructor 1 & 2	2007

9. Who do I contact at TEEX if I have questions about my training?

If you have questions about your training, contact the **manager listed** on the course description on **TEEX.org**, or call the main number to TEEX at 866-878-8900 and ask to speak to the training manager for the specific course.

10. How do I know if the training I signed up for at TEEX offers Pro Board certification?

If you have questions about a specific course, contact the **manager listed** on the course description on **TEEX.org**, or call the main number to TEEX at 866-878-8900 and ask to speak to the training manager for the specific course.

11. What is required for a TEEX Pro Board certification to be eligible towards TCFP state certification?

The following conditions must be met during the course delivery and the testing for the Pro Board certification to be eligible for state certification:

- the Pro Board certifications must be issued for certain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards, Levels, and Edition Years (see question 8),
- the Pro Board exam must be administered following the <u>TEEX Pro Board ADA</u> <u>policy</u>,
- the Pro Board exam must be administered in English only, and
- the Pro Board certification must have been issued with a course that was approved by the TCFP.

12. Are there other requirements for state certification in addition to my TEEX Pro Board certificate?

There may be additional requirements that must be met in order to apply for TCFP state certification. Refer to applicable chapter in the <u>Texas Commission on Fire Protection's Standards Manual</u> for more information regarding a particular certification. All persons applying for their first state certification must complete a fingerprint-based criminal history check as part of the application process.