

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition Form Fire Investigator

For Local Authority Use

NOTE:

- Local authorities must designate in writing persons or a class of persons as fire investigators to conduct fire investigations.
- Local authorities may designate a fire investigator only if the designated person(s) meets the applicable standards established by the fire commissioner.
- This Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is for local authority internal use to confirm that each individual person meets the applicable standards established by the by the fire commissioner.
- The local authority is responsible for filing the PLAR document in accordance with the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIPPA\)](#) and/or the [Personal Information Protection Act \(PIPA\)](#).
- The local authority should be able to produce this information to the Office of the Fire Commissioner, if requested.

Section 1: Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition Designate Information

Designate First and Last Name:	
Contact Information	
Primary Phone Number:	
Secondary Phone Number:	
Email:	
Is the designate a member of the local authority fire department? (Yes or No)	
If “Yes” indicate Fire Department name	
If “Yes” indicate job position within fire department	Job Position:
If “No”, indicate local authority job position and department of the candidate.	Job Position:
	Department:

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Section 2a: Confirmation of Designate Knowledge & Skill Alignment with Fire Inspector Job Performance Requirements (NFPA Certification)

Declaration	NFPA Standard	Applicant Signature	
I, _____ declare that I am certified to the applicable NFPA standard.	NFPA 1033 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator (2022)		Proceed to Section 3
I, _____ declare that I am NOT certified to the applicable NFPA standard.	Proceed to Section 2b		

If the designate is able to declare that they are certified to the applicable NFPA standard, then proceed directly to Section 3. If the designate is NOT certified to the NFPA standard, complete Section 2b if applicable.

Section 2b: Fire Investigator Job Performance Requirements Confirmation

Section 2b Directions:

1. The designate must review all Fire Investigator job performance requirements below.
2. The designate must then confirm they have achieved all Fire Investigator job performance requirements.

Category	Job Performance Requirement
General Knowledge	General knowledge of the BC <i>Fire Safety Act</i> and specific familiarity with Part 7, Division 1 – Fire Investigations. Fire investigator responsibilities.
Introduction to Fire Science and Fire Behavior	Fundamentals of fire science Fire behavior and fire dynamics Fire classification and types Fire scene safety
Investigation of cause origin and circumstance	Inspecting and evaluating the fire scene, or evidence of the scene, and/or conducting a comprehensive review of documentation generated during the examination(s) of the

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	scene if the scene is no longer available, so as to determine the area or point of origin, source of ignition, material(s) ignited, and act or activity that brought the ignition source and materials together and to assess the subsequent progression, extinguishment, and containment of the fire. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) – 4.2]
Secure a Fire Incident Scene	Secure the fire ground, so that unauthorized persons can recognize the perimeters of the investigative scene and are kept from restricted areas and all evidence or potential evidence is protected from damage or destruction. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.2.1, NFPA 1021 (2020) - 4.5.3]
Documenting the scene	Diagram the scene so that the scene is accurately represented and evidence, pertinent contents, significant patterns, and area(s) or point(s) of origin are identified. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.3.1]
Documenting the scene	Photographically document the scene so that the scene is accurately depicted and the photographs support scene findings. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.3.2]
Evidence Collection and Preservation	Duties shall include using proper physical and legal procedures to identify, document, collect, and preserve evidence required within the investigation. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.4]
Interview	Duties shall include obtaining information regarding the overall fire investigation from others through verbal communication. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.5]
Post Incident	Formulate an opinion concerning origin, cause, or responsibility for the fire, given all investigative findings, and submission requirements for reports and forms. [Modified from NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.6.5]

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Declaration	Standard	Designate Signature	
I, _____ declare that I have met all the Fire Investigator individual job performance requirements.	Office of the Fire Commissioner BC Fire Investigator		Proceed to Section 3

Section 3: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Details

Local Authority Approval of PLAR (Yes or No)	
PLAR Approval Date	(dd/mm/yyyy)
Local Authority Representative Name (Print)	
Local Authority Signature (Sign)	