

Prior Learning Assessment and 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 standard 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 standard 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 and 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 or list other organizational affiliation of the candidate.	Job Position:
	Department:
	Other organization affiliation:

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**Section 2a: Confirmation of Designate Knowledge and Skill Alignment with
Fire Investigator Job Performance Requirements (NFPA Certification)**

Declaration	NFPA Standards	Applicant Signature	
I, _____ declare that I am certified to the applicable NFPA standards.	NFPA 1033 (2022) Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator and NFPA 1021 (2020) Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications		Proceed to Section 3
I, _____ declare that I am NOT certified to the applicable NFPA standards.	Proceed to Section 2b		

If the designate can 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 standards, complete Section 2b.

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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	Have general knowledge of the Fire Safety Act and specific familiarity with Part 7, Division 1 – Fire Investigations Have general knowledge of fire investigator responsibilities
Introduction to fire science and fire behaviour	Understand the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Fundamentals of fire science▶ Fire behaviour and fire dynamics▶ Fire classification and types▶ Fire scene safety
Investigation of cause, origin and circumstance	Duties shall include inspecting, evaluating, and analyzing the fire scene, or evidence of the scene, and conducting a comprehensive review of documentation generated during the examination(s) of the 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 [NFPA 1033 (2022) – 4.2]
Secure a fire incident scene	Secure the fire ground, given marking devices, sufficient personnel, and special tools and equipment, 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

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Category	Job performance requirement
	<p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.2.1]</p> <p>Direct unit level personnel to secure an incident scene, given rope or barrier tape, so that unauthorized persons can recognize the perimeters of the scene and are kept from restricted areas, and all evidence or potential evidence is protected from damage or destruction</p> <p>[NFPA 1021 (2020) - 4.5.3]</p>
Document the scene	<p>Make a diagram of the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately represented and evidence, pertinent contents, significant patterns, and area(s) or point(s) of origin are identified</p> <p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.3.1]</p>
Document the scene	<p>Photographically document the scene, given standard tools and equipment, so that the scene is accurately depicted and the photographs support scene findings</p> <p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.3.2]</p>
Collect and preserve evidence	<p>Duties shall include using proper physical and legal procedures to identify, document, collect, and preserve evidence required within the investigation</p> <p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.4]</p>
Interview witnesses	<p>Duties shall include obtaining information regarding the overall fire investigation from others through verbal communication</p> <p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.5]</p>
After the incident	<p>Formulate an opinion concerning origin, cause, or responsibility for the fire, given all investigative findings, so that the opinion regarding origin, cause, or responsibility for a fire is supported by the data, facts, records, reports, documents, scientific references, and evidence</p> <p>[NFPA 1033 (2022) - 4.6.5]</p>

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Declaration	Standard	Designate Signature	
I, _____ declare that I have met all the Fire Investigator individual job performance requirements.	Fire Safety Act Fire Investigator Training Standard		Proceed to Section 3

Section 3: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Sign-off

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