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State of Connecticut  
**REGULATION**  
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Department of Administrative Services

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**Concerning**

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Classes of Certification and Standards of Qualification for Local Fire Marshals,  
Deputy Fire Marshals, Fire Inspectors, and Other Local Fire Officials

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Section 1. Sections 29-298-1 to 29-298-3, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 29-298-1. Definitions**

- (a) As used herein, “certificate” means the written document issued by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee stating that the holder is [eligible to be] certified.
- (b) As used herein, [“candidate”] “local authority” means [a person who holds a certificate] the local entity with the authority to appoint a local fire official pursuant to section 29-297 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (c) As used herein, [“eligible to be certified”] “local fire official” means [that a person has (1) successfully passed an oral, written, or practical examination approved by the State Fire Marshal and Codes and Standards Committee, or (2) successfully completed a program or programs of training developed by public agencies and approved by the State Fire Marshal and Codes and Standards Committee, or (3) successfully completed the Fire Marshal/Inspector Certification Course administered by the Bureau of State Fire Marshal and approved by the State Fire Marshal and Codes and Standards Committee] a certified fire marshal, fire code inspector or fire investigator who is appointed to a class of local fire officials by a local authority.
- (d) As used herein, “certified” means a candidate holds a certificate and has met the standards for certification pursuant to section 29-298 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Sec. 29-298-2. Classes of [certification of] local fire officials**

There shall be [six] five classes of local fire officials:

- (a) Fire [Safety] Code Inspector;  
 (b) [Hazardous Materials Inspector];  
 (c) Fire Investigator;  
 [(d)] (c) Fire Inspector;  
 [(e)] (d) Deputy Fire Marshal; and  
 [(f)] (e) Local Fire Marshal.

**Sec. 29-298-3. Fire [safety] code inspector**

- (a) A certified fire [safety] code inspector is a person who has [been appointed and certified after having] demonstrated the knowledge and ability to perform the duties and carry out the responsibilities set forth in the Connecticut State Fire Safety Code and Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code and sections of the Connecticut General Statutes as they relate to [the Connecticut Fire Safety Code] said codes.

(b) A local fire [safety] code inspector [carries] is a person certified as a fire code inspector and appointed by a local authority to carry out fire [safety] code inspection activities at the direction of the local fire marshal and under such supervision as the local fire marshal deems appropriate.

Sec. 2. Sections 29-298-5 to 29-298-11, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 29-298-5. Fire investigator**

(a) A certified fire investigator is a person who has [been appointed and certified after having] demonstrated the knowledge and ability to perform the duties of and carry out the responsibilities of Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as well as other sections of the General Statutes, as they relate to the investigation of [fire, explosion, and the crime of arson] fires and explosions.

(b) A local fire investigator [performs] is a person certified as a fire investigator and appointed by a local authority to perform investigations of [fire, explosion, and the crime of arson] fires and explosions, including, but not limited to, determining the cause of such fires and explosions, at the direction of the local fire marshal and under such supervision as the local fire marshal deems appropriate.

**Sec. 29-298-6. Fire inspector**

[(a)] A fire inspector is a person who has been [appointed and] certified [after having demonstrated the knowledge and ability to perform the duties of and carry out the responsibilities of a local fire marshal as set forth in the statutes and regulations of the State of Connecticut.

(b) A fire inspector performs] as a fire marshal and appointed by a local authority to perform duties at the direction of and under such supervision as the local fire marshal deems appropriate.

**Sec. 29-298-7. Deputy fire marshal**

[(a)] A deputy fire marshal is a person who has been [appointed and] certified [after having demonstrated the knowledge and ability to perform the duties of and carry out the responsibilities of a local fire marshal as set forth in the statutes and regulations of the State of Connecticut.

(b) A deputy fire marshal performs] as a fire marshal and appointed by a local authority to perform duties at the direction of and under such supervision as the local fire marshal deems appropriate.

**Sec. 29-298-8. Fire marshal**

(a) A certified fire marshal is a person who has [been appointed and certified after having] demonstrated the knowledge and ability to perform the duties of and carry out the responsibilities of a local fire marshal as set forth in the statutes and regulations of the State of Connecticut.

(b) A local fire marshal [performs, or causes] is a person who has been certified as a fire marshal and appointed by a local authority to perform, or cause to be performed, the duties of a local fire marshal and ensures that the responsibilities of a local fire marshal are carried out as set forth in the statutes and regulations of the State of Connecticut.

Sec. 3. Section 29-298-11 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 29-298-11. Issuance [and lapse] of certificates**

(a) A certificate shall be issued by the State Fire Marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee upon a determination that an individual [is eligible to be certified] has met the qualifications for certification.

(b) [In the event that a person holding a certificate is not appointed to a position commensurate with such certificate, the certificate shall be of no effect under these regulations after the passage of three years next following the date of the certificate.] An individual certified as a fire marshal may be

appointed by a local authority to the position of local fire marshal, deputy fire marshal or fire inspector. An individual certified as a fire investigator or fire code inspector may be appointed by a local authority to the position of local fire investigator or fire code inspector as applicable.

[(c) In the event that a person appointed to a position commensurate with a certificate ceases to hold the position, then the certificate shall be of no effect under these regulations after the passage of three years next following the date upon which the person ceased to hold the position.]

Sec. 4. Section 29-298-16 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 29-298-16. Minimum hours of continuing education and training required to maintain certification**

(a) The minimum hours required to maintain fire marshal certification [for fire inspectors, deputy fire marshals and fire marshals] shall be as set forth in Chapter 541 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The minimum hours required to maintain fire investigator certification [for other classes of fire officials] shall [consist of] be not less than thirty hours over a three-year period.

(c) The minimum hours required to maintain fire code inspector certification shall be not less than sixty hours over a three-year period.

Sec. 5. Sections 29-298-4, 29-298-9, 29-298-10 and sections 29-298-12 to 29-298-15, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are repealed.

## **Statement of Purpose**

*To address the requirements of P.A. 14-137, specifically those concerning additional pre-requisite qualifications and eliminating the "eligible to be certified" status. Pursuant to P.A. 14-137, any candidate for certification as a fire marshal, fire code inspector, or fire investigator who has the pre-requisite experience and passes the exam will be certified, regardless of appointment to one of the five classes of local fire official by a local appointing authority.*