

Mississippi Secretary of State

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board		CONTACT PERSON Mark Lampton, Senior Attorney		TELEPHONE NUMBER (601)359-1074	
ADDRESS P.O. Box 79		CITY Jackson		STATE MS	ZIP 39205
EMAIL mark.lampton@mid.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE 09/30/26	Name or number of rule(s): Miss. Admin. Code, Title 19, Part 101, Chapter 1 (Rules and Regulations for Minimum Standards Certification (MSCB-1))			

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: Amendments throughout reflect updates to the certification standards that conform to the NFPA's current qualification standards. Rule 1.06 clarifies documentation requirements for board review of training curriculum and clarifies physical readiness requirements for trainees. Rule 1.04 bifurcates the felony waiver process to allow board determination prior to the candidate's training. Rule 1.09 adds "Pro Board" accredited certificates to those given presumptive reciprocity and clarifies limitations applicable to the challenge testing process. Other amendments are stylistic only and include updated source citations.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code § 45-11-253.

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Miss. Admin. Code, Title 19, Part 101, Chapter 1, Rules 1.03, 1.04, 1.06, 1.07, 1.08, 1.09, 1.11.

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

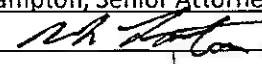
If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

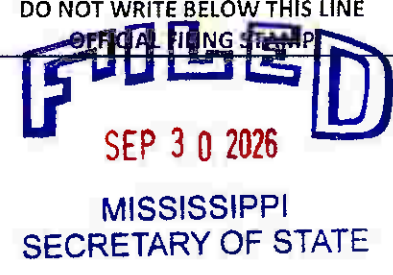
ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) ☒ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: ☒ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____ Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Mark Lampton, Senior Attorney

Signature of person authorized to file rules: /s/ Mark Lampton 

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



DELBERT HOSEMAN
Secretary of State

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Miss. Admin. Code, Title 19, Part 101, Chapter 1 (Rules and Regulations for Minimum Standards Certification (MSCB-1))		
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A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit: The Amendments update the certification standards to conform to the NFPA's current qualification standards; clarify documentation required from schools for board review of curriculum; clarify physical readiness requirements for trainees; and allow for obtaining a felony waiver prior to a candidate attending training. The benefit to the consumer and the MSCB will be enhancement of the system for training firefighters. Also, fire departments will be able to obtain a determination from the board over the potential waiver of a felony conviction before incurring the expense for the candidate's training.
2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule: The amendments are needed to update the certification requirements to match changes implemented by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and to improve the efficiency and quality of the certification system.
3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: The amendments will improve the certification standards for firefighters and the level of oversight provided by the board.
4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
 - a. To the agency
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - b. To other state or local government entities
☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
- c. Cost:
☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
- d. Economic Benefit:
☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☒ Substantial ☐ Excessive
6. Estimated impact on small businesses:
- ☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☒ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
- a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation:
There are approximately 713 fire departments in Mississippi, with 123 being career or career mixed with volunteers.
- b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply:
The amendments to the regulations will not result in any new or additional cost to the fire departments or the firefighters.
- c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses:
There should be no effect on impacted fire departments except for increased efficiency in the certification process and clarity of the certification requirements. Also, bifurcation of the felony waiver process will allow departments to know whether the candidate will be approved prior to paying for them to be trained.
7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
☒ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than
8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
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B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?
☐ yes ☒ no
2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

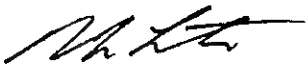
C. Data and Methodology

1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form: The numbers regarding fire departments in Mississippi are maintained by the Mississippi State Fire Services Director. The amendments to the rules impose no new or additional financial responsibility on anyone.

D. Public Notice

1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled? A person may send comments, suggestions, and a request for an oral proceeding to:

Mississippi Insurance Dept.
Attn: Mark Lampton, Senior Attorney
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Jackson, MS 39205-0079
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SIGNATURE /s/ Mark Lampton 	TITLE Senior Attorney, Mississippi Insurance Department
DATE September 30, 2026	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE 30 days after filing