

SECTION 14 RECIPROCITY

- 14.1 **Reciprocity will only be granted following a review of certification, experience records provided by the applicant to the State Certification Coordinator. The State Certification Coordinator will form a committee to include: the Certification Coordinator, the Boards' Chairperson, and a member of Nevada's fire service who maintains Nevada recognized Certification at the desired level of reciprocal certification. This group will determine whether or not the applicant meets the required minimum standard.**
 - 14.1.1 **Appeals of this process may be taken to the next scheduled Board meeting.**

- 14.2 **The Board may elect to give credit for training or certifications received in the State of Nevada, other states, provinces, commonwealths, territories, or countries provided such training has been approved and certified by the Authority Having Jurisdiction where the training was received.**

- 14.3 **Certifications received in other states, provinces, commonwealths, territories, or countries must meet the minimum requirements for Nevada State certification as set forth by the Board.**

- 14.4 **The Board may enter into standing reciprocity agreements with another state, province, commonwealth, territory or country that by law regulate and supervise the quality of fire service training and firefighter certification.**

- 14.5 **Adoption of any new standard or program shall not render invalid any participant's prior certification.**

- 14.6 **The Certification Office may issue Nevada Certification to participants that have completed certification in another state, for a level of certification that Nevada has adopted but is not currently accredited with either NPQS or IFSAC. The participant must meet all other certification requirements as outlined in Professional Certification Procedure Manual of the Nevada State Fire Marshal Division.**

- 14.7 **The Nevada State Fire Marshal Division may accept current IFSAC certifications from Participating Agencies.**

- 14.8 **Reciprocity refers to certifications granted by other organizations, not the successful completion of classes from other organizations. Applicants wishing certifications from course completion will proceed through the normal testing requirements.**

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- 14.9** The purpose of reciprocity is to recognize certification gained by an applicant from certification organizations outside the State of Nevada, not to recognize accumulation of training, experience, or education received outside the normal class environment.
- 14.10** Whenever a new certification level is introduced, a historical recognition period will exist for a one (1)-year period from adoption to allow those within the current Fire Service career field to seek certification from the State based upon past training, experience, and education towards the certification level. This historical recognition period will apply only to new certification levels adopted by the Board.