TRAINING COORDINATOR
AND
INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD
HANDBOOK

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Introduction

The California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee (Cal-JAC) is responsible for the administration of the Standards for the Cal-JAC Program. The Cal-JAC is sponsored by the California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) and California Professional Firefighters (CPF), AFL-CIO. The Committee is comprised of fourteen members; seven labor representatives and seven management representatives.

This handbook is an addendum to the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee Rules and Regulations. As such, the material in this handbook is part of these Rules and Regulations.

This handbook presents an overview of apprenticeship training and the documentation necessary to satisfy the reporting requirements of state and federal apprenticeship, educational systems, and the Cal-JAC.

Goals

The goals of the Cal-JAC have remained the same since its inception:

1. To improve the quality of training for professional firefighters in the fire service throughout California;

2. Promote professional standards for the fire service; and

3. Recruit qualified candidates.

Each participating department, with the support of its union or association, subscribes to the Cal-JAC’s programs through a Subscription Agreement.

Different types of training are conducted through the Cal-JAC; the most predominant is apprenticeship training. The apprenticeship program provides in-depth training for those newly hired or promoted within a subscribing department. Other types of training are made available for all personnel as resources allow.
When You Need to Contact Us

The Cal-JAC staff works with management and labor through the SubJAC to assist in the development and implementation of training plans and the documentation for related and supplemental instruction.

**Sponsors:**

Brian K. Rice, Labor Sponsor  
President, California Professional Firefighters

Mike Richwine, Management Sponsor  
California State Fire Marshal

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Deborah Jackson-Lee, Operations Director  
Shirl Coons, Apprentice Coordinator  
La Sauna Pakeman, Recruitment Coordinator  
Suzanne Smith, Data Resource Analyst  
Christine Fischer, Administrative Assistant

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<td><a href="mailto:ydelapena@cpf.org">ydelapena@cpf.org</a></td>
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<td>Mitch De Anda</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mdeanda@cpf.org">mdeanda@cpf.org</a></td>
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<td>Taral Brideau</td>
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<td>Suzanne Smith</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jacdata@cpf.org">jacdata@cpf.org</a></td>
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<td>Christine Fischer</td>
<td><a href="mailto:veterans@cpf.org">veterans@cpf.org</a></td>
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The Cal-JAC staff is located and can be reached at:

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Sacramento, CA 95833  
Telephone: (916) 648-1717  
Fax: (916) 922-0972  
E-mail: caljac@cpf.org  
Website: www.caljac.org
DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR APPRENTICE TRAINING

The Cal-JAC policy is to keep procedures as simple as possible and at the same time, comply with all state and federal laws and regulations governing apprenticeship. The following sections cover the responsibilities of local department personnel in implementing the apprenticeship program.

SubJAC

The SubJAC is composed of an equal number of members from management and labor. The management members are appointed by the Fire Chief and the labor members are appointed by the Local President. Forms for appointing new members are available on the Cal-JAC website at http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/program-coordination/subjac/.

The SubJAC is responsible for:

A. Designing and approving department specific apprentice training plans that meet or exceed minimum training standards for the department’s apprentice occupations;

B. Reviewing apprentice records, upon request, and to determine education and/or experience credit (upon request);

C. Recommending improvements in the apprenticeship program;

D. Hearing apprentice complaints and appeals as specified in the Cal-JAC Rules and Regulations; and

E. Holding regular meetings (at least one per year).

Supervision of New Instructors of Record

A. Insuring that during the first month of teaching, instructors are provided an early orientation. This orientation to include at a minimum: an overview and awareness of teaching methods, adult education concepts, equity and diversity in the classroom, mandated reporting, as well as legal and ethical issues.

B. Supporting, advising, and evaluating beginning teacher’s performance throughout the preliminary credential process.
Confidentiality

It is the responsibility of each fire department to insure that all training records and personnel documents are kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Only personnel specifically approved by the Fire Chief are authorized to access confidential information.

Instructor of Record

The Instructor of Record is the training officer or other qualified person designated by the department to assure the accuracy and validity of the training hours submitted for funding. The Instructor of Record must either hold a current and valid Clear California Teaching Credential or apply for an Adult Education Designated Subject Teaching Credential through the Cal-JAC, as specified by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (see page 15).

The Instructor of Record is responsible for:

A. Holding or applying for an appropriate teaching credential (call the Cal-JAC office to request a credential application package, see page 2);
B. Assuring the accuracy and validity of the training conducted and the training reports submitted to the Cal-JAC;
C. Maintaining original documentation of apprentice training;
D. Providing documentation and verification for program self-assessments;
E. Reviewing and maintaining progress reports as well as work evaluations concerning apprentices;
F. Periodically reviewing work, drill, and training progress of apprentices with supervisors/instructors;
G. Assuring each apprentice receives the required related and supplemental instruction and the variety of work assignments to ensure training is provided in all aspects of the occupation and the apprenticeship program is completed in a timely manner;
H. Verifying journey person certification requirements are met (see page 17).
Training Coordinator

The Training Coordinator is designated by the department and as the primary point of contact with the Cal-JAC for the day-to-day coordination of apprentice’s records and attendance reporting. In many departments, the Training Coordinator and the Instructor of Record are the same individual.

The Training Coordinator acts as a liaison with the Cal-JAC and is responsible for:

A. Submitting all apprentice documentation required by the Cal-JAC, including but not limited to:
   - Request for Apprentice Agreements (see pages 8);
   - Monthly Training Reports;
   - Changes in Apprentice Status; and
   - Journey Level Verification.

B. Providing updates to the Cal-JAC regarding department changes. Forms for department changes are available on the Cal-JAC web site at http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/program-coordination/administrative-procedures/ including, but not limited to:
   - New Fire Chief or Labor President;
   - New Addresses, phone numbers, or emails;
   - New Instructor of Record or Training Coordinator;
   - New SubJAC members;

C. Providing additional periodic updates to the Cal-JAC, such as
   - Wage and benefit changes; and
   - New MOU/CBAs.

D. In coordination with the Cal-JAC, endeavor to solve any problems or answer any questions that may arise.
**Supervisor/Instructor**

Each supervisor/instructor involved with an apprentice provides supervised work experience, training assignments and instruction, and is responsible for:

A. Assisting the apprentice in the completion of training, study, and performance of assignments required by the objectives of the specified training cycle;

B. Reviewing and providing instruction and training to the apprentice, as well as signing their training record, verifying satisfactory completion of required knowledge and performance objectives;

C. Periodically administering written and/or oral quizzes and performance demonstrations to determine apprentice progress;

D. Assuring the apprentice receives the variety of work assignments that expose the apprentice to all aspects of the occupation and that are necessary to ensure completion of the apprenticeship program in a timely manner;

E. Submitting reports to the Cal-JAC concerning the apprentice’s training and work progress according to department procedures throughout the apprenticeship term;

F. Maintaining progress reports and the results of any quizzes or exams taken by the apprentice according to department procedures; and

G. Reviewing and signing the completed training record at the end of the specific training cycle.

**Apprentice**

Each apprentice is responsible for:

A. Diligently applying him or herself to the completion of their apprenticeship and to perform all work and training assignments satisfactorily;

B. Completing and forwarding monthly training reports in accordance with department procedures;

C. Maintaining a personal training record which contains a listing of each performance objective required during a specific training cycle;

D. Obtaining reviews and approval signatures from the respective supervisor/instructor as each performance and knowledge objective is satisfactorily completed;
E. Submitting the completed training record according to department procedures;

F. Follow rules, regulations, and procedures of the individual employer;

G. Attend academy as well as related and supplemental training as required for the occupation;

H. Develop safe working habits and act in such a manner as to assure personal safety and the safety of fellow workers; and

I. Report to the appropriate SubJAC whenever the apprentice’s individual employer is unable to or does not provide the necessary and required on-the-job or related and supplemental instruction hours in accordance with the work processes and training schedule for the apprentice’s occupation.
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Government programs that provide funding have certain documentation and administrative requirements that must be met. Apprenticeship is no exception. The administrative requirements of state and federal apprenticeship, educational systems, and the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee are provided below.

Apprentice Wage and Benefit Information

State regulations require wage and benefit data to be submitted for each apprentice occupation for each participating department. When salaries or benefits change (i.e., cost-of-living), revisions must be submitted to Cal-JAC.

Apprentice Agreements

Apprentice agreements are the foundation of the documentation required to receive funding for training. No training can be submitted for reimbursement unless a complete agreement has been executed.

How to Request an Apprentice Agreement

To initiate agreements, provide the required information by using the Request for Apprentice Agreements form provided on the Cal-JAC website at http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/program-coordination/administrative-procedures/. Because time is an important factor, it is suggested that the information be emailed to: cffjac@cpf.org or faxed to the Cal-JAC at (916) 922-0972.

After receipt of the Request for Apprentice Agreements, the Cal-JAC will return agreements to the department for completion and signatures.
How to Complete and Return Apprentice Agreements

The Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), under the Department of Industrial Relations, requires Apprentice Agreements to be received in their office 30 days from the beginning of the term of apprenticeship. Delays in returning Apprentice Agreements will result in loss of funding. The Training Coordinator is responsible for the accuracy, completion, and timely return of each agreement.

The Cal-JAC generates agreements from information supplied by the department Training Coordinator. The remaining items, listed below, must be completed by the department and/or the apprentice. Incomplete agreements cannot be filed with DAS and will be returned for completion. This may result in a loss of funding.

After the agreement is fully executed, the Cal-JAC will return a copy to the department. The department should keep this copy on file and give a copy to the apprentice. The Cal-JAC will retain the original agreements.

Apprentice Agreement Side 1 (refer to sample, page 9):

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<td>(2) Signature</td>
<td>Apprentice signs in ink.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(3) Signature</td>
<td>The chief or designee signs in ink (signature stamps may be used if authorized).</td>
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<td>(4) Title</td>
<td>Enter title of person signing.</td>
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Apprentice Agreement Side 2 (refer to sample, page 10):

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<td>(B) Race or ethnic derivation</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates ethnic derivation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(C) Number of dependents</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates the number of dependents (optional).</td>
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<td>(D) Highest year of education</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates the highest number of years of education completed.</td>
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<td>(E) Number of years employed</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates the cumulative years of full time employment in any occupation (optional).</td>
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<td>(F) Armed forces status</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. If yes, indicate the month/year entered, month/year separated, and the total months served on active duty.</td>
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# APPRENTICE AGREEMENT

**APPRENTICE**

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<tr>
<th>LAST NAME</th>
<th>FIRST NAME</th>
<th>MIDDLE</th>
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**ADDRESS**

(Number and Street / City, State & Zip)

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

**BIRTHDATE (mm/dd/yyyy)**

**SEX**: Male [ ] Female [ ]

**VETERAN**

**Yes**: [ ] **No**: [ ]

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE**

**OCCUPATION**

**CUT CODE**

**TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP**

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<th>Years</th>
<th>Hours per day:</th>
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This agreement is between the above named apprentice employed by the below named employer, and

**PROGRAM SPONSOR**

**AGREEMENT**: The undersigned parties mutually agree that they will use their best endeavors to secure employment and training for the apprentice. The apprentice agrees to perform satisfactorily all work and learning assignments. The provisions of the Apprenticeship Standards for the above occupation adopted by the program sponsor and approved by the Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, are hereby made a part of this agreement. An official copy of the standards is on file in the headquarters of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards. This apprentice agreement will continue in effect until the training is completed or otherwise terminated in accordance with the standards.

The apprentice commences participation under these standards on the date of execution of this agreement by the Apprentice. The signatory apprentice is credited with having [ ] months toward completion of the term of apprenticeship. The apprentice is expected to complete training on or about [ ] [ ], 20__, upon satisfactory completion of the total remaining hours of on-the-job training and hours and/or units of related and supplemental instruction.

**APPRENTICE**: I, the undersigned apprentice, understand and agree that there is a valid and reasonable necessity that those academic records accumulated throughout related and supplemental instruction during my period of apprenticeship be made available to the apprenticeship committee. Further, I agree to release to the apprenticeship committee any other academic records which I feel may enhance my status as an apprentice.

I, the undersigned apprentice, hereby request that the Administrator of Apprenticeship terminate any other apprenticeship agreements in which I am currently registered.

Executed this day of [ ], 20__, by [ ]

**SIGNATURE OF APPRENTICE**

**AGREED TO BY THE EMPLOYER**

**SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER OR ITS REPRESENTATIVE**

**NAME OF EMPLOYER**

**ADDRESS**

[ for unilateral programs only ]

This agreement is approved by

**SIGNATURE – SECRETARY / CHAIR / COORDINATOR**

**DATE**

**SIGNATURE – APPRENTICESHIP CONSULTANT**

**DATE**

**AGREED TO AND APPROVED BY, FOR THE COMMITTEE**

**SIGNATURE FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF APPRENTICESHIP**

**DATE**

**APPRENTICE AGREEMENT**

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TO THE APPRENTICE: California Civil Code Sec. 1798.17 requires State agencies which collect personal information to indicate the authority under which the data are requested. If personal information not specifically authorized by law is requested, individuals must be informed that supplying the information is voluntary. It also provides that state agencies may change or modify records at the request of the individual.

Questions C and E below are voluntary. All others are authorized by law, as indicated by the reference in each section. If the authorized questions are not answered, the apprentice agreement cannot be accepted.

The Division hopes, through collection of this data, to improve the apprenticeship program both for those presently enrolled and for future apprentices. Thank you.

### CALIFORNIA APPRENTICE QUESTIONNAIRE

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<th>C. Number of Dependents (Do not count yourself)</th>
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(Rev. 3-25-2013, Title 8, Ch. 2, Sec. 215)

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<td>☐ 8th Grade or less ☐ 9th Grade ☐ 10th Grade ☐ 11th Grade</td>
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<td>☐ BLACK (Not of Hispanic Origin) -- A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. ASIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER -- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands. The area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea and Samoa.</td>
<td>☐ 12th Grade or GED Certificate</td>
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<td>☐ Native Hawaiian Tongan</td>
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<tr>
<td>☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native -- A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.</td>
<td>☐ 20</td>
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<td>☐ Hispanic -- A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.</td>
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(E. Number of Years You Have Been Employed Full Time to Date (Except for Military Service))

- ☐ None
- ☐ Less Than 1
- ☐ 2 But Less Than 3 Years
- ☐ 3 But Less Than 4 Years
- ☐ 4 But Less Than 5 Years
- ☐ 5 Years or More

(F. Have You Served on Active Duty (other than reserve status) in the U.S. Armed Forces)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please enter:
- Month and Year Entered
- Month and Year Separated
- Total Months Served on Active Duty

(Rev. 3-25-2013, Title 8, Ch. 2, Sec. 215)
How to Complete a Federal Apprentice Agreement – Federal Agencies only

This form is used exclusively for federal employees. Because federal apprentices have dual state and federal registrations, both federal and California agreements must be completed. The federal agreement will be sent to the department with the California DAS agreement for completion.

On page 13 is a sample Federal Apprentice Agreement with completion instructions for the apprentice and department. (Note: complete only the sections listed below. The other areas will be completed by the Cal-JAC staff).

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<td>(4b) Race</td>
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<td>(6) Highest Education Level</td>
<td>Apprentice indicates the highest level of education achieved.</td>
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<tr>
<td>(8) Signature of Apprentice</td>
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# California Fire Fighter JAC Apprentice Registration

Registered with the USDOL/ETA/Office of Apprenticeship - CA0018880001

**Warning:** This agreement does not constitute a certification under Title 29, CFR, Part 5 for the employment of the apprentice on Federally financed or assisted construction projects. Current certifications must be obtained from the Office of Apprenticeship or the recognized State Apprenticeship Agency shown below. (Item 22)

The program sponsor and apprentice agree to the terms of the Apprenticeship Standards incorporated as part of this Agreement. The sponsor will not discriminate in the selection and training of the apprentice in accordance with the Equal Opportunity Standards in Title 29, CFR, Part 30.3, and Executive Order 11246. This agreement may be terminated by either of the parties, citing cause(s), with the notification to the registration agency, in compliance with Title 29, CFR, Part 29.7.

## PART A: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPRENTICE. NOTE TO SPONSOR: PART A SHOULD ONLY BE FILLED OUT BY APPRENTICE

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- [ ] 9th to 12th grade
- [ ] GED
- [ ] High School Graduate

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- [ ] None
- [ ] Adult Employment
- [ ] HUD/STEP-UP
- [ ] Incumbent Worker
- [ ] Job Corps
- [ ] Dislocated Worker
- [ ] Direct Entry:

8. Signature of Apprentice

9. Signature of Parent/Guardian (if minor)

## PART B: TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR

10. Sponsor Program No.

11a. Trade/Occupation (The work processes listed in the standards are part of this agreement.)

11b. Occupation Code

12. Term (Hrs., Mos. Yrs.)

13. Probationary Period (Hrs., Mos. Yrs.)

14. Credit for Previous Experience

15. Term Remaining

16. Apprenticeship Start Date

17a. Related Instruction

17b. Apprentice Wages for Related Instruction

17c. Related Training Instruction Source

18. Wages:

18a. Pre-Apprenticeship Hourly Wages $ 

18b. Term

19. Signature of Department Representative

20. Signature of Sponsor’s Representative(s)

21. Name and Address of Sponsor Designee to Receive Complaints

## PART C: TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION AGENCY

22. Registration Agency and Address

Office of Apprenticeship
801 I Street, Room 202
Sacramento, CA 95814

23. Signature (Registration Agency)

Signature on file

24. Date Registered

## PART D: TO BE COMPLETED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

25. Apprentice Identification Number

Number of months between each salary step increase
Change in Apprentice Status

If an apprentice changes employment status (i.e. promotion, transfer, resignation, retirement, or termination), the Cal-JAC must be notified immediately so a cancellation or new agreement can be processed.

The Change In Apprentice Status form is available on the Cal-JAC website at http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/program-coordination/forms/.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Instructor of Record

Each participating department must designate an Instructor of Record who meets the requirements to hold a teaching credential. The Training Coordinator may also serve as the Instructor of Record.

The Instructor of Record is responsible for verifying the accuracy of the training reported, by signing the monthly individual training reports. He/she also verifies that the person conducting the training is a qualified instructor.

When an audit or program review occurs, the Instructor of Record is responsible for providing documentation substantiating the reported training. This documentation will cover verification of training hours for each apprentice, subject area curriculum, and qualifications of instructors (see page 4 for additional information).

Teaching Credential

The designated Instructor of Record is required to either hold a current and valid Clear California Teaching Credential or apply for an Adult Education Designated Subjects Teaching Credential. If the instructor already possesses an acceptable credential, a copy must be sent to the Cal-JAC. If not, the Cal-JAC will provide the credential application package with directions for completion. Applications must be returned within 21 days.

When a department designates a new Instructor of Record, the Cal-JAC must be notified immediately. To ensure continued timely processing of apprentice training hours, the current Instructor of Record should continue to fulfill the responsibilities until the new Instructor of Record completes and submits all required application components. If this is not possible, processing apprentice records may be delayed until all required application components are received.

To meet the requirements to hold a teaching credential for the first time as specified by the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing you must:

A. Complete a credential application packet obtained from the Cal-JAC;
B. Provide a copy of your high school diploma or equivalent or a copy of your degree;
C. Complete State Fire Marshal Training Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C or Instructor I & II. If you have not completed all the courses in either series, please contact the Cal-JAC office for further instruction.
D. Provide a copy of your EMT or a Paramedic card. If you are not an EMT or a Paramedic you will be required to complete a health education class. Contact the Cal-JAC program for more information on the health education class requirement;

E. Obtain a live-scan (electronic fingerprints) which will be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice;

F. Be a journey level firefighter with at least five years of fire service experience;

G. Submit a “Verification of Employment” letter from your department. The Cal-JAC will provide a sample letter. **Note: At least five years’ experience must be covered by this letter.** If you cannot show five years of experience with your current department, letters from previous departments will be required;

H. Complete a U.S. Constitution course. **Note: This may be satisfied by some U. S. History and U. S. Government classes.** Contact the Cal-JAC for more information on this requirement; and

I. Complete a nutrition class. Contact the Cal-JAC for more information on this requirement.

The Preliminary Credential will expire after three years. However, all of the above requirements must have been satisfied and documentation submitted to the Cal-JAC within the first two years from the date the credential was issued. If these requirements are not met within this time period, applicants are prohibited from applying for a Clear Credential. The Clear Credential expires after five years and may be renewed every five years thereafter.

When you complete the credential application packet, submit it to the Cal-JAC for processing. **Do not submit the application packet to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing or the local education agency (LEA).**

**Note:** The Cal-JAC processes all paperwork and pays all fees associated with obtaining a Preliminary and Clear Credential as well as renewals.

If you have any questions regarding teaching credentials, please call the Cal-JAC office at (916) 648-1717.

**Signature Stamp Authorization**

For purposes of efficiency, Instructors of Record will be asked to provide authorization for a signature stamp to the Cal-JAC to use when necessary. The stamps are used whenever a signature is missing on documents submitted by the department and it would not be administratively expedient to return the forms to the department. Examples of cases where a signature stamp may be used are training reporting forms or documents containing data obtained from the department, such as DAS forms or wage and benefit data.

**Program Self Assessments/Audits**
The Cal-JAC apprenticeship training programs are approved and authorized by state and federal laws and regulations. Reimbursement for the training of apprentices comes from the State of California. As such, recipients of that funding are subject to review and audit by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards, the California Department of Education, and other state agencies that review funding for state sponsored programs such as the Department of Finance, the State Controller, and the California Legislature.

The Cal-JAC periodically requests participating fire departments to conduct a self assessment of their apprenticeship training program. The primary purpose of this process is to verify that the program is in compliance with apprenticeship program requirements and to maximize allowable reimbursement. The Cal-JAC may also conduct on site reviews as necessary.

Completing the self-assessment will guide the Training Coordinator and the Instructor of Record in administering the apprenticeship program and will result in essential compliance with statutes and regulations as well as Cal-JAC policies and procedures that govern the firefighter apprenticeship program.

It is the responsibility of the Instructor of Record to maintain and provide documentation or verification needed for self-assessment or audits. Such documentation may include electronic records, station logs, class rosters, etc. The Cal-JAC will provide additional information on the self-assessment process when a department is asked to complete the self-assessment.

The philosophy of the Cal-JAC is to provide whatever assistance is necessary to help participating fire departments develop, manage, and maintain an outstanding apprenticeship program.

**Journeyperson Certification**

The Cal-JAC will notify departments regarding journeyperson verification. This notification will list the apprentices who have completed or are near completion of the minimum apprenticeship requirements.

Upon receipt, the Instructor of Record reviews each apprentice’s occupational experience (work processes), required hours of related and supplemental instruction, and if applicable, journey level tests for satisfactory completion. If all requirements are met, the department’s representative signs the bottom of the notice and returns it to the Cal-JAC office. If any apprentice has not met the requirements, the information can be noted on the list and returned to the Cal-JAC. When the journeyperson notification is returned from the department, the paperwork to complete apprenticeship will be processed and the journeyperson certificates will be mailed to the department for presentation.
Veteran’s Benefits

The Cal-JAC apprenticeship training program is approved by the Veterans Administration (VA), and veteran apprentices may be eligible to receive benefits.

Eligibility – Veterans must meet VA eligibility criteria in order to receive benefits. Individual eligibility determinations are made by the VA. Benefits may only be paid for the term of apprenticeship, or until eligibility ceases, whichever occurs first.

Application Process – Apprentices interested in applying for VA benefits should contact the Cal-JAC office, NOT the Veteran’s Administration. An application packet will be mailed to the apprentice by the Cal-JAC. All applicable paperwork must be completed and returned to the Cal-JAC office for processing.

Note: Individual fire departments are NOT approved as official training institutions and are NOT authorized to sign any VA documentation.

Monthly Certification – Any veteran receiving benefits as an apprentice through the Cal-JAC must comply with VA reporting requirements. For each month that benefits are claimed; the apprentice must send official verification of base salary, number of hours worked, and documentation of training for that period to the Cal-JAC.

Note: Only personnel designated by VA can certify enrollment and monthly verification forms. The certifying official is the Cal-JAC. Department personnel are NOT authorized as certifying officials.

Additional information, along with a list of frequently asked questions, is available on our website at http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/program-coordination/veterans-benefits/.

Confidential Data and Record Retention

It is the policy of the Cal-JAC, and in most cases the law, that specific information is confidential. Only authorized personnel will have access to such information. The Cal-JAC safeguards privacy information to the extent allowed by law.

Educational Records – Individual training records, transcripts, grades, and personal data are all confidential. Only personnel specifically approved by the Fire Chief, such as the Training Officer or Instructor of Record, may have access to this information.

Personnel Documents – All individual personnel records are confidential. This includes personal information such as address, social security number, etc. Individual testing records and pre-employment clearance data (i.e., medical, driving, criminal records) are also confidential. Only personnel specifically approved by the Fire Chief will have access to this information. Statistics that
do not pertain to a specific individual are considered public information. Data concerning numbers/percent of appointments, test success, failure rates, etc., can be released if available.

**Record Retention** – Complete training records pertaining to academy, related and supplemental instruction, and on-the-job training for each apprentice must be maintained by the local fire department. The purpose of these records is to determine apprentice progress, and to document the training completed and the satisfactory performance of minimum knowledge and skill levels required to achieve journeyperson recognition. Such records must cover the period from the date of entry through completion of the apprenticeship program.

As a general rule, training records that document training hours submitted to the Cal-JAC for reimbursement must be maintained for a period of at least **five years** from the date of the last official action. If you have any questions, contact the Cal-JAC office.
APPRENTICE TRAINING PLANS

The SubJAC is responsible for developing/adopting training plans for all department apprentice occupations. Training plans include academy training, work processes, and related and supplemental instruction.

The minimum standards for apprentice training programs are established by the Cal-JAC Statewide Committee and are based on State Board of Fire Services (SBFS) recommended training standards. These recommended training standards meet or exceed the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards for firefighter and related occupations.

Note: All apprentices training must be approved by the department’s SubJAC.

There are three types of training referred to in apprenticeship:

**Academy Training:** This term refers to basic intensified instruction and drill ground training taught by a Cal-JAC approved instructor to prepare an apprentice to begin the work processes for a specific occupation.

Academy instruction will be the portion of the recommended training standards for a specified occupation as noted in the Cal-JAC Rules and Regulations, or an equivalent curriculum. As an example, academy training for firefighter apprentices encompasses the training standards for SBFS Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II.

Note: Departments that make substantial changes to the SBFS curriculum must submit a copy of those changes to the Cal-JAC for approval.

At a minimum that curriculum must contain:

A. Course outlines;
B. Performance objectives;
C. Time frames;
D. Reference materials; and
E. Evaluation methods.

Departments using SBFS materials or minimally modified SBFS materials need not submit copies of lesson plans to the Cal-JAC. However; a schedule of academy training, related and supplemental training subjects, and number of hours must be submitted.

Academy instruction is usually delivered in a single concentrated format for the number of hours required to cover the subject areas. If necessary, after consultation with Cal-JAC staff, academy training may be delivered in more than one segment during the first year of apprenticeship. Academy training can be reported and may be reimbursed through the Cal-JAC.
Work Processes (On-The-Job-Training): This term is used in the apprenticeship community to define the planned on-the-job training that apprentices must complete to become a journey person in a specific occupation. Supervised on-the-job-training is the normal everyday work done by an apprentice during a specified apprenticeship period. **These hours are not reimbursable and should not be reported on the monthly submissions to the Cal-JAC.** For example, teaching an apprentice during a drill to “pull a hose” is related and supplemental instruction (see below). When the apprentice pulls a hose on an incident, it is a work process. No additional formal curriculum is needed; the Cal-JAC Standards provide the guidelines for this type of training. The department must have a means of documenting the completion of this training.

Documentation of work processes can be accomplished through standard department procedures. There is no requirement to submit regular reports of completed work processes, but this information is subject to review by the Cal-JAC and the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS), or the federal Office of Apprenticeship (OA).

Related and Supplemental Instruction (RSI): This term is used by educators in the apprenticeship community to refer to the on-going formal training and supervised study received by an apprentice while on duty that is directly related to the occupation and is taught by a Cal-JAC approved instructor. RSI enhances and supplements basic knowledge and assists an apprentice in improving his/her skills in the occupation. This planned training is reported and may be reimbursed through the Cal-JAC.

Training conducted through a Community College may be considered for completion of apprentice training requirements but is **NOT** reimbursable by the Cal-JAC. All such training must be coded according to the instructions in the Cal-JAC Training Reporting Handbook.

Training plans and curriculum for RSI must provide a minimum of 144 hours of instruction per year, per apprentice, for each year of apprenticeship.

If you have any questions regarding reporting requirements, please contact the Cal-JAC office.
Monthly Training Reports

A report must be made at the end of each month on the hours of academy and related and supplemental instruction received by each apprentice (see Training Reporting Instructions Handbook). These reports are used to track apprentice’s hourly progress to journey level and to satisfy the attendance requirements of the educational institutions.

The Training Coordinator is responsible for submitting the monthly training reports to the Cal-JAC.

Monthly reports should be sent no later than the 10th day of the month following the reporting month. For example, reports for training completed in January should be submitted to the Cal-JAC office no later than February 10th.

The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The final filing date for training done in the fiscal year is 10 working days after the end of the fiscal year. Reports submitted after that date cannot be assured of funding, but apprentices will be given credit for the training completed.

Electronically, reports are submitted to jacdata@cpf.org. Departments using paper reports may contact the Cal-JAC office for assistance to converting to electronic reporting.

Reports should be sent in one group. However, DO NOT hold the majority of your reports for stragglers. They can be submitted separately later in the month.

Apprentice Training Record

Each department should develop an apprentice training record to keep track of the types of training completed by apprentices. This training record should provide direction for and define the content of the skills and knowledge requirements for each year of apprenticeship.

Tasks and training should be signed off by the supervisor/instructor as they are completed. This becomes a permanent record of completion and can be kept in the apprentice’s training or personnel file.

When audits occur, these records provide documentation of apprentice progress.
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Apprentice - an individual who has signed an apprentice agreement and is registered with the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) or the Federal Office of Apprenticeship (OA) to be trained to become a journeyperson in conformity with the Cal-JAC Standards.

Apprentice Agreement - a written agreement between the apprentice, the Cal-JAC, and the employer which is registered on the California DAS Form 1 and the Federal OA Form ETA 671.

Instructor of Record - the training officer or other qualified person designated by the department to hold a Clear Career Technical or Adult Education teaching credential. The Instructor of Record is responsible for the accuracy, quality, and validity of training courses and for the accuracy of attendance and training records. When audits occur, the Instructor of Record is responsible to produce the required documentation.

Journeyperson - an individual who has been an apprentice and has successfully completed all requirements and been awarded journey level status, or an individual, who by virtue of experience and training, is considered equivalent to journey level.

Journeyperson Certificate - the document issued to an apprentice who has successfully completed their apprenticeship program and is awarded journeyperson status.

SubJAC - a committee composed of an equal number of representatives of an individual employer, and of an individual union. The sub-committee acts on behalf of the Cal-JAC on matters affecting apprentices of an individual employer. Such actions are subject to approval, modification, or reversal by the Cal-JAC.

Supervisor/Instructor - an individual who qualifies as a journeyperson in a specific occupation and is responsible for the work and training assignments of apprentices under the direction of the Instructor of Record and SubJAC according to department procedures.

Training Coordinator is the person designated by the department as the primary contact with the Cal-JAC for the day-to-day coordination of apprentice records and attendance reporting.

Training Record is the electronic or paper record an apprentice maintains to document his/her training in all the subject areas related to the occupation.