



Cherry Hill Fire Department

Recruitment – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can the written exam be taken at another time?

No. All applicants must register with and take the written exam through National Testing Network during time period specified in the announcement.

2. What is the passing score?

Applicants receiving a score of 70% or higher will advance to the physical agility test.

3. I don't live in Cherry Hill; can I still apply?

Yes. However, you must be a resident of the State of New Jersey at the time of hire.

4. Do I need to be New Jersey EMT Certified at the time of the application?

No. However, you will have one (1) year after appointment to obtain an EMT Certification in the State of New Jersey.

5. If I have a valid National Registry EMT Certification or a valid EMT Certification from another state, will I also need to be certified through the State of New Jersey?

You must contact the Department of Health Office of EMS to transfer your national registry and/or have them determine if your certification can be transferred. Not all state EMT certifications are eligible to transfer. <https://www.state.nj.us/health/ems/education/>

6. I was a firefighter somewhere else, do I have to take the written exam and/or do I have to attend the Fire Academy?

Yes. All applicants must go through the entire process, which includes the completion of the CHFD Recruit Academy.

7. What is the minimum age for applicants?

You must be at least nineteen (19) years of age by the date of the written exam. However, the minimum age to be hired is twenty-one (21) years of age.

8. What is the maximum age for applicants?

Applicants must be hired on or before their 35th birthday.

9. Do I have to be a High School Graduate or have a GED?

Yes. Applicants must be able to read, write, and speak the English language well and intelligently.

10. Do I have to be a citizen of the United States?

Yes.

11. I am a firefighter now; can I transfer to the Cherry Hill Fire Department?

No. You must go through the recruitment process.

12. How many firefighters is the Cherry Hill Fire Department going to hire?

We don't know at this time. The number of firefighters hired varies from year-to-year depending upon the number of employees retiring and/or the amount of employee turnover.

13. Will I need an ID card during the hiring process?

Yes. You will need to bring a photo ID card with you during all phases of the testing process.



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14. I'm pregnant; can I participate in the testing process?

Yes. However, you should review the Firefighter Physical Performance test form with your physician to determine whether or not you can safely compete in that phase of the testing process. This form will be emailed to you upon passing the written test; this is part of your medical clearance for physical ability.

15. How will the Physical Ability test be scored?

The top applicants (based on the combined scores of the Written NTN test and Physical Ability test) will advance to the oral interview.

16. When is the physical ability exam?

You will receive an email indicating the date and time you are scheduled to take the Physical Ability Test. The tentative timeframe for Ability Testing is March, 2025.

17. When will I receive my results of the testing process?

Applicants will be notified by email after each portion of the testing process informing them of their status, and if they will be proceeding forward in the hiring process.