

Georgia Extinguisher / System License & Permit Renewal Decision Tree.

In order to best understand your renewal requirements you must define how you are licensed or permitted in the State of Georgia. There are three ways one can be licensed/ permitted

1. **Manufacturer's Certification** – Install, Inspect, Service or Test; Limited work to brand /type certified.
2. **NAFED/ ICC Certification** - Install, Inspect, Service or Test
3. **NICET** - Install, Inspect, Service or Test (SYSTEMS)

PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Manufacturer's Certification – License or permit holder has a current certification from the manufacturer of the portable fire extinguisher denoting the portable fire extinguisher brand/ types and areas in which the applicant has been successfully trained and certified.

Renewal Requirements –

- a. Hold a current / valid Manufacture's Certificate
- b. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

NAFED/ ICC Certification - License or permit holder has a current certification as a Portable Extinguisher Technician by NAFED/ICC

Renewal Requirements-

- a. Hold a current/valid NAFED/ICC Portable Extinguisher Technician Certification
- b. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

NOTE: In order to avoid not having to retest you **MUST** maintain your NAFED/ ICC certification, the NAFED/ICC certification requires 100 E.E.C. hours over 3 years.

PRE- ENGINEERED KITCHEN OR RESTAURANT

1. *Manufacturer's Certification* – License or permit holder has a current certification from the manufacturer of the pre-engineered kitchen restaurant system denoting the specific system brand /type and areas in which the applicant has been successfully trained and certified.

Renewal Requirements –

- a. Hold a current / valid Manufacture's Certificate
- b. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

2. *NAFED/ ICC Certification* - License or permit holder has a current certification as a Pre-Engineered Kitchen /Restaurant system Technician by NAFED/ICC

Renewal Requirements-

- a. Hold a current/valid NAFED/ICC Pre-Engineered Kitchen /Restaurant System Technician Certification
- b. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

NOTE: In order to avoid not having to retest you MUST maintain your NAFED/ ICC certification, the NAFED/ICC certification requires 100 E.E.C. hours over 3 years.

3. *NICET*- License or permit to install, inspect, service or test pre-engineered kitchen /restaurant systems.

Renewal Requirements-

- a. Current NICET notification of successful completion of level III Special Hazard Suppression Systems.
- b. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training documentation.

PRE-ENGINEERED INDUSTRIAL

1. *Manufacturer's Certification* – License or permit holder has a current certification from the manufacturer of the pre-engineered Industrial system denoting the specific system brand /type and areas in which the applicant has been successfully trained and certified.

Renewal Requirements –

- c. Hold a current / valid Manufacture's Certificate
- d. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

2. *NAFED/ ICC Certification* - License or permit holder has a current certification as a Pre-Engineered Industrial System Technician by NAFED/ICC

Renewal Requirements-

- c. Hold a current/valid NAFED/ICC Pre-Engineered Industrial System Technician Certification
- d. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

NOTE: In order to avoid not having to retest you MUST maintain your NAFED/ ICC certification, the NAFED/ICC certification requires 100 E.E.C. hours over 3 years.

3. *NICET*- License or permit to install, inspect, service or test pre-engineered kitchen /restaurant systems.

Renewal Requirements –

- c. Current NICET notification of successful completion of level III Special Hazard Suppression Systems.
- d. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training documentation.

ENGINEERED SPECIAL HAZARD FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS

1. *Manufacturer's Certification* – License or permit holder has a current certification from the manufacturer of the special hazard fire suppression system denoting the specific system brand /type and areas in which the applicant has been successfully trained and certified.

Renewal Requirements –

- a. Hold a current / valid Manufacture's Certificate

b. Completion of 8 E.E.C. credit hours of State approved training per year.

2. . *NICET*- License or permit to install, inspect service or test special hazard fire suppression systems.

License Renewal Requirements –

- a. Current *NICET* notification of successful completion of level III Special Hazard Suppression Systems and proof of maintaining a Georgia License for the past 5 years.
- b. Current *NICET* notification of certification at or above level IV in Special Hazard Suppression Systems.
- c. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training documentation.

Permit Renewal Requirements-

- a. Current *NICET* notification of successful *completion* of level II Special Hazard Suppression Systems and proof of maintaining a Georgia permit for the past 5 years.
- b. Current *NICET* notification of *certification* at or above level III in Special Hazard Suppression Systems.
- c. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) training documentation.

If you are licensed or permitted under the ICC/NAFED certifications you must complete the following to maintain your certification with ICC/NAFED and avoid retesting in 3 years time. E.E.C. Hours needed to maintain your ICC/NAFED certification, 100 hours per field/certification. How do you get these hours?

EEC Earning Potentials

1. Up to 25 credits are allowed for each 12-month period in which an applicant is actively involved in the area of their certification. To be actively involved, a participant must be engaged in activities that are directly related to the area of certification for a minimum of 600 hours (15 weeks) within the 12-month period.
2. One credit is allowed for each hour that an applicant attended and participated in a systematic training program relating to the area of certification. This training may take place at the location of employment or at other venues. The training program must include a specific agenda, a synopsis of the training, and an attendance record. Details of this training must be provided if the application for renewal is subject to an audit.
3. One credit per year will be granted for active membership in local and national associations that promote the professionalism of the fire equipment industry. Such associations include the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), and state and local fire- and safety-related associations.
4. One credit is allowed for each hour that an applicant has actively been an instructor for a training program that relates to the area of certification. This training must be specifically related

to the design, installation, inspection, service, maintenance, or testing of the equipment and/or systems applicable to the area of certification.

5. The application for renewal includes an affidavit that must be signed by the applicant stating he or she has provided accurate information regarding their individual EEC accumulations.

EXAMPLE: *Joe works 12 months each year = 25 E.E.C.

*Joe takes 8 hours approved training class during the year = 8 E.E.C.

*Joe's employer is a current member of an approved industry related association = 1E.E.C.

TOTAL Hours earned per year = 34 x 3 years = **102 E.E.C.** hours earned, enough to maintain ICC/NAFED certification and AVOID TESTING!

The Georgia Association Of Fire Safety Equipment Dealers, Inc. (GAFSED) hopes this decision tree laid out in lay mans terms, the State of Georgia and ICC/NAFEDS requirements to maintain your certifications, licenses and permits going forward into 2010.

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