

## DFPC-Fire & Life Safety Section: A Note Regarding Sprinkler Fitter Registrations and the Effects from the Current Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Response

We recognize that these are challenging times for everyone and that one of the challenges we are facing is that many in-person classes and seminars have been cancelled. We also recognize that many of our registered sprinkler fitters rely on these in-person seminars and classes to obtain the CEU's required in our rules to renew registrations. That said, we want to take this opportunity to remind our fitters that the rules do not mandate that your continuing education must take place in-person. There are ample online trainings and seminars that can be attended in order to meet the continuing education requirements necessary for registration renewal. Remember, recognized organizations or institutions (acceptable to the Division) must teach the courses, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Regionally accredited post-secondary institutions
- (b) National Fire Protection Association
- (c) International Code Council
- (d) National Fire Academy
- (e) American Fire Sprinkler Association
- (f) National Fire Sprinkler Association
- (g) Sprinkler Fitters Local 669, Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee
- (h) IFMA Fire Protection Institution
- (j) State chapters of organizations or institutions listed above

For ease of use, you will find several links to acceptable online trainings below. Keep in mind, organizations, such as the National Fire Sprinkler Association, will often provide monthly trainings that are free of charge to members. Also to assist you, the requirements for registration renewal are posted below as well. Remember, you can get up to 1.6 CEU credits, or 2/3 of the required credits, just for doing the work that you do. After taking that into account, fitters who have worked all year will likely only have to obtain 0.8 more CEUs (8-hours):

### **Fitter Registration Renewal:**

5.4.2 Registrants must document at least 2.4 CEU's earned subsequent to July 1 of the previous year relevant to the field of fire suppression as indicated in Table 5.4.2

1) Participation as a student in a seminar related to Fire Suppression Systems conducted by a qualified organization. (See Section 4.2.2.4 of 8 CCR 1507-101)	0.1 per clock hour of attendance
2) Fire code or building code overview classes.	0.4 maximum Per course
3) Attendance at NFPA and/or ICC code development hearings related to Fire Suppression Systems.	1.0 max
4) Active service on a committee or board with a fire sprinkler association or organization.	0.5 per committee or board
5) Completion of a college level course related to Fire Suppression Systems offered through a regionally accredited post-secondary institution.	1.0 per credit hour earned. 3.0 max
6) Work experience as a registered Sprinkler Fitter during the registration period (must be documented through formal letter from employer, contractor, project owner, steward, project manager, or business manager for whom the project was performed).	0.1 CEU per 100 hours worked. 1.6 max.

5.4.3 In years that the Division adopts a new edition of the fire code or standards, a Sprinkler Fitter will be required to provide proof of passing one of the examinations specified in Section 5.2.7. A fee will be assessed for those taking an exam offered by the Division.

5.4.4 Applications for renewal shall be submitted prior to expiration, subject to a 60-day grace period. Applicants submitting more than 60 days after expiration shall submit all documentation required of a new applicant in addition to documentation of continuing education in accordance with 5.4.2 and may be required to pay a late application fee as well as the renewal fee.

**Online Training Links (these are some, but certainly not all, the training opportunities that will fulfill recertification and renewal obligations):**

- [AFSA eCAMPUS](#)
- [AFSA Webinars](#)
- [ICC Learning Center](#)
- [NFPA Training](#)
- [NFPA Webinars](#)
- [NFSA Online Training](#)
- [NFSA Tech Tuesdays](#) (FREE to members)
- [USFA NFA Online Courses](#)

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