



Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs

Georgia Chief Fire Officer Certification Information

All applicants must submit all of the following:

1. Application.
2. A Cover letter to accompany the application that defines your responsibilities with the department and includes any credentials you have attained within the fire service, the community, or other organization that aid you with leadership in the fire department. Please include appointment dates of current and last position.
3. An organizational chart of the department.
4. Send copies of **only** the certifications or degrees that you list on your application (including Pre-Requisites).
5. Application Fee of \$150.00

Pre-Requisites to apply: Must submit copies

1. Must hold a GFSTC State Certification in at least one of the current Fire Service Certifications. (Firefighter, Fire & Life Safety Educator, Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator or Fire Instructor)
2. GPSTC Georgia Fire Academy Classes "Chief Fire Officer Orientation Day 1 – 3"
3. NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800, and 300
4. Must currently serve as a minimum of a Company Officer or Chief Officer (as shown on organizational chart of your department)

Must complete at least 75 Points on the following points scale:

Experience - Points per years of service in current plus ½ points for immediate past position (Max. 20 Points)

3 points/year served in the position of Fire Chief

2 points/year served in position of Deputy/Assistant Chief

1 Point/year served in positions of Battalion Chief/Division Supervisor

0 Points/year served in position of Company Officer

Higher Education - You only receive credit for your highest degree, points are not added per degree.

Related Field (Fire Science, Public Administration, Emergency Management, etc.)

Associates Degree	20 points
Bachelors Degree	40 points
Masters Degree	60 points
Doctorate Degree	80 points

Non-Related Field

Associates Degree	10 points
Bachelors Degree	15 points
Masters Degree	20 points
Doctorate Degree	30 points

Fire Officer Certifications (must meet NFPA 1021)

Certifications may be NPQ, Certified by an approved provider (as determined by the GAFC Training Committee), or GPSTC courses that meet the standard.

Fire Officer I	20 points	(The combination of Transitional and Interpersonal Leadership Training (40 hours), Fire Department Supervision (40 hours) and Acting Officer in Charge (32 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer II	20 points	(Fire Department Management (80 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer III	20 points	(Fire Department Administrator (64 hours) is equivalent)
Fire Officer IV	20 points	(Fire Department Executive (48 hours) is equivalent)

Credit for additional credentials

Georgia Basic Certified Emergency Manager	10 points
Georgia Advanced Certified Emergency Manager	20 points
Georgia Professional Certified Emergency Manager	30 points
EFO (NFA)	75 points
CFOD	75 points
CTOD	75 points
CMOD	75 points

Additional Points

GFA Chief Fire Officer Day 4
NIMS 400

5 points

5 Points

See Additional Credit Points document for additional classes approved by the CFO Certification Committee.

Application, cover letter, Check (payable to the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs) and all accompanying documentation should be mailed to:

Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs
PO Box 105377
Atlanta, GA 30348