



Recognition of the IAFF - HazMat/Awareness/Operations Certificate (ProBoard Accredited)



The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) has partnered with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to offer reciprocity* for the IAFF– HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations level certification.

The OFMEM will recognize and accept the IAFF – HazMat First Responder Awareness/Operations certification as follows:

1. Reciprocity for the IAFF NFPA 472 Certificate – HazMat Awareness

The OFMEM will accept the IAFF NFPA 472 HazMat Awareness Certificate as presented. Candidates may use the IAFF HazMat Awareness certificate to meet the necessary pre-requisite level of training required to register for the NFPA 472 HazMat Operations.

2. Recognition for the IAFF NFPA 472 Certificate - HazMat Operations

In order to receive reciprocity for the IAFF HazMat Awareness/Operations certification, candidates will be required to complete approximately 15 hours of further training with **written confirmation and validation from the candidate's Fire Chief** in the following areas:

NFPA 472, 2013, 5.2	Placards, Labels and Markings
NFPA 472, 2013, 5.2	Emergency Response Guide
NFPA 472, 2013, 5.4	CBRNE Incidents (Illicit Lab Inc)
NFPA 472, 2013, 5.2	Container Shapes, Sizes and Behaviours
NFPA 472, 2013, 5.3	Response Objectives and Action Options
NFPA 472, 2013, 6.2	Personal Protective Equipment Donning and Doffing Level A and B suits
NFPA 472, 2013, 5.4	Scene Control and Responder Roles
Practical Skills as per NFPA Chapter 5 and Chapter 6, 6.2, 6.6	

This documentation along with a copy of the ProBoard accredited IAFF HazMat Awareness/Operations certification should be sent to ofmtestingandcertification@ontario.ca.

If the candidate would like to pursue IFSAC certification in Ontario, they would be required to successfully complete the OFMEM knowledge and skills test.

** Reciprocity allows candidates to submit proof of certification to a particular standard permitting them to register and complete the next level of certification for that particular standard. It is also important to recognize that although ProBoard encourages reciprocity among certifying entities, it is not automatic or required.*