FAQs on Firefighter Recruitment

Can the National Testing Network (NTN) fee be waived?

Yes, you will have to apply through the National Testing Network (NTN) for waiver. Please follow the link to the Fee Waiver Request Form.

https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ergontn-public/ntn/pdf/Testing_Fee_Waiver.pdf

Scan and email the waiver request to support@nationaltestingnetwork.com or start a Customer Support ticket using the "Contact Support" link at the bottom of the page with the scan attached. The process may take several weeks. Submitting a fee waiver request does not exempt candidates from meeting testing deadlines.

What is considered recent vs an old score for NTN?

We will take your most recent test score, valid for up to 12 months, each time you apply.

Does the CPAT have to be administered through NTN?

No, any testing vendor or facility that administers the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is acceptable. (We are currently referring candidates to FCTConline.org for CPAT testing)

What is that Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)?

The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is a physical test consisting of a sequence of eight separate events progressing along a predetermined path from event to event in a continuous manner. This test was developed to allow fire departments to obtain pools of trained candidates who are physically able to perform essential job tasks at fire scenes.

What is a valid CPAT?

A Candidate Physical Ability Test is considered valid if it is within 12 months of the application date.

However, the department requires your most recent CPAT to be within six months of list certification.

Currently, CPATs taken prior to August 28, 2019 will not be valid in meeting the six-month requirement for the next certification date of February 28, 2020.

When does this recruitment close?

This recruitment is continuous, meaning we will continue to take applications and refer eligible candidates when the department is ready to hire for a new academy.

Do I submit my application after I receive my scores from National Testing Network (NTN)?

You should schedule and take your written exam through the National Testing Network (NTN). Your scores will be sent to us directly so you do not need to worry about sending them to us.

You may then apply at Reno.gov/jobs for the position of Firefighter. Please ensure that you check "yes" on your application that you have taken the NTN Fire exam.

At the time of application, you will need to provide proof of an EMT Certification or National Registry Certification. You may also submit proof of enrollment, to move forward in the process, but certification is required for this position.

You will also need to submit your CPAT upon application. We are unable to certify your name to the list until a valid CPAT is received.

Is the National Testing Network (NTN) fire test and the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) the same test?

No, the National Testing Network (NTN) Fire test is the written test and the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) is the physical abilities test.

What is the nearest location for the CPAT?

The nearest location for CPAT testing is in Sacramento through FCTCOnline.org.

I will be receiving my CPAT later this month, how do I update my application?

Please reapply once you have all of your required documentation. If you are having technical difficulties, please email your attachments to civilservice@reno.gov.

Can I register for the National Testing Network (NTN) exam before taking my Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), or do I need to take my CPAT first?

It does not matter what part of the testing process you complete first. Both the CPAT and the NTN Fire exam must have been taken with 12 months of the application date.

You will need a CPAT dated within 6 months of list certification.

Are you accepting physical tests other than the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)?

We are only accepting the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT). This test can be administered through any vendor. Currently, the nearest test centers can be found through FCTCOnline.org.