



CITY OF ABBOTSFORD FIRE RESCUE SERVICE

AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTING

Look to your local newspaper for the date, time and location of the Fire Rescue Service ***“Informational Evening”***. The public is welcome to attend this informative presentation where the recruitment process is explained. Subjects covered include *written test, fitness assessment, Candidate Physical Ability Test, the interview process, and the recruit training*. Also, consult our Auxiliary Recruitment Webpage for updates and additional information.

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- ... Community Service
- ... Personal Development
- ... Social Benefits
- ... Technical Knowledge
- ... Practical Skills
- ... Excitement
- ... Pride
- ... Financial Compensation at an Hourly Rate

Requirements include, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following:

- participation in an 19-week basic training program (at least one three-hour evening session per week, and the occasional Saturday or Sunday);
- participation in the Fire Fighter Certification Program;
- be on weekend standby approximately one weekend per month (must remain in the community);
- ability to respond to incidents (may occur any time day or night, any time during the year);
- successful completion of a one year probationary period;
- attend a two-hour weekly training session every Wednesday evening;
- weekend standby approximately one weekend per month;
- due to Workers' Compensation Board regulations the wearing of beards is not permitted in the Fire Rescue Service.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following is an outline of the City of Abbotsford's Fire Rescue Service *REQUIRED* and *PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS*. Please review these requirements thoroughly and be sure you possess all the *REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS*.

I. REQUIRED QUALIFICATION

- permanent resident in the City of Abbotsford;
- a minimum age of 19 prior to completion of recruit training;
- legally entitled to work in Canada;
- completion of Grade 12;
- normal vision with no serious colour impairment (Optometrist form required);
- normal hearing with no artificial aids;
- above average physical conditioning (weight proportional to height);
- safe driving record;
- valid B.C. Drivers Licence, *with less than nine points* - attach a copy of your Driver's Licence Abstract, obtained from the local Driver's Service Centre (formerly known as Motor Vehicle Branch), located at 1 - 33498 Bevan Avenue;
- have access to an insured vehicle;
- police information computer check to be completed before final acceptance as an Auxiliary fire fighter;
- mechanical aptitude;
- possess good interpersonal skills;
- ability to communicate effectively;
- ability to work as a team member;
- ability to swim.

The following PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS are important considerations in the evaluation of applicants:

II. PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- previous fire fighting experience;
- employed in the Abbotsford area. Ability to leave work for fire calls;
- valid Class three (3) B.C. driver's licence, with air brake endorsement;
- completed Fire Science courses;
- post secondary education, diploma or courses in building technology, university degree, trades qualifications, or apprenticeship;
- ability to respond to daytime incidents (weekdays).

Fire Hall locations are as follows:

Hall 1	32270 George Ferguson Way- Abbotsford
Hall 2	35995 North Parallel Road Sumas Prairie
Hall 3	28465 Fraser Highway Aberdeen
Hall 4	5775 Wallace Street Matsqui Village
Hall 5	5875 Mt. Lehman Road Mt. Lehman
Hall 6	2427 West Railway Avenue Abbotsford
Hall 7	34989 Old Clayburn Road Clayburn

AUXILIARY FIRE FIGHTER TESTING

Written, physical fitness, and lung testing is administered to applicants selected from the applications. This is followed by an interview for those applicants successful in the written and physical assessments. Upon completion of recruit training, applicants may be placed in an "eligibility pool" or assigned to a fire hall.

Written tests may include (but are not limited to) mechanical and trainability aptitude tests.

The Abbotsford Police Department will conduct a criminal record search. Consent for record search is obtained at 2838 Justice Way. Results are submitted, in confidence, to the Fire Chief.

Auxiliary Information Sheets

The physical testing will be related to the duties of a fire fighter, as well as other fitness assessments. There will also be lung testing.

Upon successful completion of the written, physical, and lung testing you will be asked to provide a medical form from your family physician indicating that you are physically fit to perform the duties of a fire fighter. A form is supplied by the Fire Rescue Service.

Some costs may be incurred to provide the above records; however, if candidates pass all requirements and are accepted as a member of the Fire Rescue Service, costs incurred will be reimbursed.

It is the Fire Rescue Service's goal to provide a high quality of customer service to our community.

Being a member of the Fire Rescue Service is a respected and challenging position within our community.



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Pre-application check Form

If you answer **YES** to any of the following, please do not apply, as your application will not be considered

- more than nine points on your current driver's abstract
- driver's license currently under suspension
- do not have a valid BC licensed and insured vehicle
- reside outside the City of Abbotsford boundaries
- have commitments that will interfere with Wednesday training sessions (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)
- not bondable
- any medical conditions that would prohibit you from working at great heights or in confined spaces