



Memorandum

To: Career-Tech Directors and Superintendents

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: October 23, 2014

Subject: Updated Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): Fire Fighter

I am pleased to announce the update of two Career-Technical Articulation Numbers (CTANs): Fire Fighter I and Fire Fighter II. This update was completed through the Secondary Career-Technical Alignment Initiative (SCTAI), a collaboration between the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Revising these CTANs was necessary in order to align ODE Content Standards and post-secondary learning outcomes with the current certification requirements set by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

I want to emphasize that while this update ensures secondary content standards align with post-secondary learning outcomes, the curricula of approved Fire Fighter programs operating at any level throughout the state still must align with ODPS requirements. That means this update is equally important to adult students at Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) who may seek to enroll at post-secondary institutions and utilize the CTAG.

Surveys were sent out to members of the University System of Ohio for endorsement, and the following CTANs have been approved:

Fire Fighter I: **CTFF002** = 7 semester hours

Fire Fighter II: **CTFF003** = 11 semester hours*

*Unless previous credit was earned for Firefighter I in which case the balance of 11 semester hours will be awarded

The updated CTANs can be found at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/ctags>. Since the CTANs for Fire Fighter I and II have changed credit value, all approved programs will need to be matched to the new CTANs. Secondary career-technical institutions and Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) whose programs are already approved do **not** need to resubmit their programs for approval. OBR will migrate the data on behalf of the approved institutions. During the data migration, OBR will review all of the previously uploaded accreditation documents to verify currency. If any of the documents are out of date, OBR will contact your institution for updated accreditation documents.

Institutions without current Fire Fighter CTAG approval will still need to go through the submission process.

I would like to thank all of those involved in this update for their dedication and support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tonya Ervin at 614-387-1022 or tervin@regents.state.oh.us.