Safety Codes Council

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Fire Practicum Update

Summary

The Safety Codes Council has updated the practicum requirements for people applying for Fire Safety Codes Officer certifications. The Fire Group C Level 2 practicum was updated to follow the current NFPA 1033 standard for fire investigators and to make the practicum rules clearer and easier to understand. A scoring matrix was added to all Fire practicums.

The new practicum forms are ready to use and must be used for all practicums submitted on or after May 01, 2027.

Background

Practicum requirements are reviewed and updated periodically. This helps make sure they follow national standards, and that expectations are clear for both applicants and practicum managers. The recent updates improve clarity, consistency, and fairness in how practicums are completed and graded. A summary of the changes is outlined below; for complete practicum requirements, please refer to the practicum.

- **Fire Group C Level 2:**
  - The practicum must be completed at a real fire scene or burn cell
  - Practicums must be done individually; group practicums are not allowed
  - Practicum managers must provide written comments about the applicant's performance
  - Clarifying what documents must be submitted
  - A scoring matrix is now used instead of a pass or fail result

- **Fire Group B Level 1 and 2:**
  - A scoring matrix is now used instead of a pass or fail result

Required Action

All practicums submitted after May 01, 2027, must use the updated practicum form.

Fire practicum managers and supervisors must familiarize themselves with the updated documentation and scoring requirements.

Fire practicum applicants should review the updated practicum requirements to understand the expectations.

Resources and Support

- Fire B1 Practicum
- Fire B2 Practicum
- Fire C2 Practicum

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