



CERTIFICATION TO SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHING EQUIPMENT

Firms that service, recharge, test, inspect, or install fire extinguishers or fixed extinguishing systems are required to be certified by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with K.S.A. 31-133a. Article 10 of the Kansas Fire Marshal Administrative Regulations (K.A.R. 22-10-1 through 22-10-19) applies to the servicing firms for certification, compliance and consumer protection. There are four classes of certifications:

RA Permits servicing, recharging, installing, or inspecting fixed extinguishing systems by a currently certified manufacturer's distributor

RB Permits servicing, recharging, installing, or inspecting portable fire extinguishers

RC Permits hydrostatic testing of non-DOT cylinders, including wet chemical or dry chemical containers

RD Permits servicing, recharging, and inspecting fixed extinguishing systems

TO BECOME CERTIFIED:

A business must submit a written application to the State Fire Marshal with the following enclosures for each certification class.

For RA certification:

- 1) Written authorization shall be included from each fixed extinguishing system manufacturer whose products are used by the business including the types of systems the business is authorized and has been trained to install or service. The manufacturer's authorization shall remain valid until the employee's training certificate expires or is cancelled for misconduct.
- 2) Each applicant for a class RA registration certificate shall provide proof of at least \$500,000 of insurance covering comprehensive general liability, bodily injury, property damage, and completed operations.

For RD certification:

- 1) Received training from the manufacturer of each fixed extinguishing system whose products are used by the business indicating the type or types of systems the employee has been trained to service; *or*

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- 2) Meets the following requirements: (A) Has a notarized affidavit filed with the state fire marshal's office attesting that the employee has at least two years of experience in servicing, recharging, and inspecting fixed extinguishing systems and has access to the tools and service manuals for each fixed extinguishing system that the business services; **and** (B) has current certification through the international code council and the national association of fire equipment distributors (ICC/NAFED)
- 3) Each applicant for a class RD registration certificate shall provide proof of at least \$1,000,000 of insurance covering comprehensive general liability, bodily injury, property damage, and completed operations.

For **RB** and **RC** certifications:

- 1) Has current certification through the international code council and the national association of fire equipment distributors (ICC/NAFED)
- 2) Each applicant for a class RB or RC registration certificate shall provide proof of at least \$100,000 of insurance covering comprehensive general liability, bodily injury, property damage, and completed operations.

An on-site inspection may be made to insure that the proper equipment is available for servicing fire protection equipment.

For certification applications or for more information, call the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (785) 296-3401.