



EXAMINATION INFORMATION ALERT

Fire Promotional Announcement and Testing Schedule 2025

This alert is intended to notify Appointing Authorities (AAs) and fire promotional candidates of the timeframes that apply to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission's (NJCSC) announcement and testing schedule for in-line fire promotional titles. Providing these dates in advance should assist appointing authorities and potential promotional candidates with their respective planning needs. Candidates may also go to the NJCSC's [Promotional Testing website](#) when an announcement is issued to obtain an orientation guide.

	Employer requests Announcement no later than	NJCSC issues Announcement	Applications must be filed by this Deadline	Eligibility is determined using this Closing Date	Tentative month of Written Exam	Tentative month(s) of Oral Exam
1st and 2nd LEVEL FIRE SUPERVISOR (Fire Officer 1)*	May 1, 2026	Aug. 1, 2026	Aug. 21, 2026	Oct. 31, 2026	Nov. 2026	Apr. 2027
BATTALION FIRE CHIEF (Fire Officer 2)	Jun. 1, 2026	Sep. 1, 2026	Sep. 21, 2026	Nov. 30, 2026	Jan. 2027	Apr. 2027
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF (Fire Officer 3)	Sep. 1, 2025	Dec. 1, 2025	Dec. 21, 2025	Feb. 28, 2026	N/A	Apr. 2026
FIRE CHIEF (Fire Officer 4)	May 1, 2026	Aug. 1, 2026	Aug. 21, 2026	Oct. 31, 2026	N/A	Nov. 2026

Please note that the NJCSC will automatically initiate an announcement for all titles Battalion Fire Chief and below for most jurisdictions based on the expiration date of their existing list. However, if a promotional list is exhausted or is expected to be exhausted or rendered incomplete prior to its expiration date, an AA should initiate a new announcement and submit its request by the appropriate deadline indicated above.

The tentative exam dates in this alert may change due to many factors. Candidates should periodically check the [Fire Service Status Report and orientation guides](#) for updates. Notifications to report to an exam will be emailed/mailed to eligible candidates a minimum of two weeks prior to the exam date. Candidates must notify NJCSC of any changes to contact information (postal/email/phone). Make-up exams for Public Safety titles are only granted as stated in *N.J.A.C. 4A:4-2.9*.

* In departments where Fire Lieutenants are not used, Fire Captains are the 1st Level Supervisors.

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