



## CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 20-0003

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Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification  
(Water-Based Fire Protection)  
Continuing Education Units  
California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 19, Division 1, Chapter 5.5

Due to the recent events involving COVID-19, the Office of the State Fire Marshal has taken into consideration the impact it may cause involving the Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification and Continuing Education Unit needs.

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide a timeline regarding the continuing education unit requirements for the Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification.

Certified Fire Sprinkler Fitters must renew their certification annually before July 1 by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee. Every three years Certified Fire Sprinkler Fitters must also submit proof they completed three units (30 hours) of continuing education with their renewal application.

The first renewal date when Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be required is March 1- June 30, 2022.

The following timeline gives the dates when Certified Fire Sprinkler Fitters must submit proof of completed CEUs with their renewal.

| Period of initial certification | First date of renewal with CEU requirement | Second date of renewal with CEU requirement (Every 3 years) |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020     | March 1-June 30, 2022                      | March 1-June 30, 2025                                       |
| July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021     | March 1-June 30, 2023                      | March 1-June 30, 2026                                       |

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Complete information including a list of CEU providers can be found at:  
<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/fire-engineering-and-investigations/automatic-fire-extinguishing-systems/>.

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