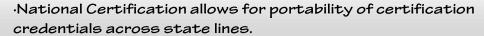# NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS
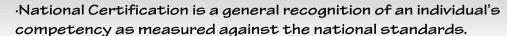
What is National Certification?

Certification is a form of verification that a candidate has successfully completed an evaluation of his/her knowledge, skills and abilities against the national standard. Individuals that successfully pass a certification evaluations are certified.

WHY IS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BENEFICIAL?

INDIVIDUAL

·National Certification allows for portability of certification credentials across state lines.

·National Certification is a general recognition of an individual's competency as measured against the national standards.

·National Certification acknowledges the individual has been tested by an accredited agency on a body of clearly defined Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) and is found to meet or exceed as established standard. Individuals can match skills and knowledge against peers from all types of fire departments and fire service agencies.

ORGANIZATION/FIRE DEPARTMENTS

·National Certification maintains the profile of the firefighting profession as a whole.

·National Certification signifies a commitment to career development and learning current industry best practices.

How Does an Individual Obtain National Certification?

Complete an approved IFSI course and end of course examination.

For more information about national certification or a complete list of all IFSI accredited courses, visit WWW.FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU

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