

Firefighter CBT Tutorial

This section provides information to help you prepare for the computer-based test (CBT), including:

- An overview of the CBT system;
- Sample test questions; and
- An outline of important considerations for taking the Firefighter CBT.

Please note that this is the only tutorial developed specifically for the upcoming civil service test for FDNY Firefighter. Neither the City of New York, nor PSI, Inc. (which is developing the test for the City of New York) has worked with any commercial test preparation company to develop any other test preparation course or tutorial.

Using the CBT System

Click on the following link to watch a presentation on how to use the CBT system. This covers topics such as how to use a computer mouse; how to read the computer screens; how to play videos, audio files and read exhibits; and how to move through the exam.

We strongly encourage you to view the tutorials with a full screen display by pressing the icon in the bottom right hand corner of the video. To exit full screen mode press the Escape key on your keyboard at any time.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/employment/firefighter_cbt-tutorials_1.shtml

Test Overview and Sample Questions (updated February 15, 2012)

Click on the following link to watch a presentation describing features of the test and showing sample questions. The samples illustrate the different question types that appear on the Firefighter CBT.

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http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/employment/firefighter_cbt-tutorials_2.shtml

Important Considerations

Please note the following important points when taking the Firefighter CBT:

- ***The test is timed.*** Each portion of the test is timed. The time limits are set to allow a reasonable amount time to review instructions, study materials, watch videos and answer questions. *The total maximum examination period is 4 hours.*
- ***Work at your own pace.*** You may finish in less than 4 hours. If you finish a portion of the test early, you can end it and move to the next portion. Note that you will not be allowed to return to an earlier portion of the test.
- ***Guessing.*** Do not randomly guess on the test. Some of the questions are scored such that you will lose points for a wrong answer.