

## **FAQ on coming changes for Sprinkler/Standpipe Certificate of Fitness Exams**

### ***Why is the test changing?***

In 2008 NFPA 25, edition 2002, was adopted in its entirety into the NYC Fire Code (except for R2 and R3 occupancies). This new examination will test the certificate of fitness holder's understanding of the current requirements for the inspection, testing and maintenance of water based fire protection piping systems.

### ***When will the new tests be available?***

The S-12 test is now available. New tests (S-11, S-13 & S-14) will be available in January, 2012. The study guide for all exams is available at the [www.nyc.gov/fdny](http://www.nyc.gov/fdny), or at the Certificate of Fitness Unit at 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

### ***Is my current C of F valid?***

All W-12 certificates of fitness expire January 1, 2012. All other standpipe and sprinkler certificates are valid until their expiration date.

### ***What is the difference between these certificates?***

Please refer to the table at this Link:

[www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/cof\\_study\\_material/standpipe\\_sprinkler\\_notification\\_letter.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/cof_study_material/standpipe_sprinkler_notification_letter.pdf)

### ***What if I don't follow the NFPA 25 standard required by NYC Fire Code?***

All NYC Fire Code requirements must be complied with regardless of which certificate of fitness you possess. A Notice of Violation (NOV) or Violation Order (VO) will be issued for non compliance of the new Fire Code.

### ***Which C of F will replace my current C of F upon expiration?***

Please refer to the table at this Link:

[www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/cof\\_study\\_material/standpipe\\_sprinkler\\_notification\\_letter.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/fdny/pdf/cof_study_material/standpipe_sprinkler_notification_letter.pdf)

### ***I currently possess one valid C of F required for a combination system, why is it now necessary to obtain two separate Certificates of Fitness for the same system?***

The new Fire Code requires separate Certificates of Fitness for a standpipe and/or a sprinkler system, regardless if it is a combination system. This testing is required to measure the Certificate of Fitness holder's understanding of the numerous tasks now required by the New Fire Code.

### ***What happens if I take the new test and fail it? How soon can I take it again?***

Applicants must retake the test and pay the original test fee again. You can retake the test the next day.

***How can I prepare for the new exam? What will the exams cover?***

Obtain the new study material. It can be downloaded for free. Certain reference guide in the study material will be provided to applicants by the FDNY. The study booklet specifies which charts will be provided. Applicants must know the other materials in the booklet since it will be covered on the test.

***Do I have to pay \$25 fee?***

Applicants must pay \$ 25, bring Letters of Recommendation from employer and ID when taking the test at 9 Metrotech Center Brooklyn, NY 10201.