



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Office of State Fire Marshal

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Re: Fire Equipment Dealer License and Fire Equipment Employee Permit

Dear Fire Equipment Dealer License and/or Fire Equipment Employee Permit Holder,

State Fire understands the COVID-19 outbreak is impacting your profession, and we are committed to assisting you during this unprecedented time creating significant changes in our lives. With that in mind, we wanted to reach out to you directly and provide important information on our next step to increase efficiency and reduce burden on your industry.

The renewal deadline for Fire Equipment Dealer Licenses and Employee Permits, with an expiration date of April 30, 2020, will now be extended until September 30, 2020. An online renewal system has been developed and instructions will soon be available for renewals throughout this period.

This letter serves as a “Letter of Authorization” (LOA) to continue operating as a Fire Equipment Dealer/Permitted Employee under your current license/permit with an expiration date of April 30, 2020, until your renewed license/permit is received prior to September 30, 2020. Please conspicuously post this letter with your current license until such time. Additionally, please provide a copy of this letter to each permitted employee to show to anyone asking to see their permit. As a reminder, all permit holders shall have their permit in possession at all times while engaged in any State Fire regulated fire equipment operations in South Carolina.

Effective immediately, State Fire will be accepting the [National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors \(NAFED\)](#) certifications for new portable fire extinguishers and fixed fire extinguishing systems employee permits. The certification exam is currently offered through the [International Code Council \(ICC\) PRONTO system](#) (Online Proctor) which allows you to schedule the exam virtually any time to be proctored online from the comfort of your home or office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at shawn.stickle@llr.sc.gov or Deputy State Fire Marshal Susan Mazzone, at susan.mazzone@llr.sc.gov. State Fire appreciates the services you provide to the citizens of South Carolina. Please stay safe!

Respectfully,

Shawn Stickle
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal

Cc: Susan Mazzone, Deputy State Fire Marshal