

**Why test for the Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training Program Aptitude test?**

Testing as part of the selection process for career education programs is proven to be constructive and beneficial to both the applicant and the institution to which admission is sought. Results of standardized tests provide an unbiased mechanism for assessing applicants. This combined with grades from previous education and a documented resume will help the college to select those applicants that are most likely to be successful in their chosen program.

**What does the test cover?**

The Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training (FIRE) Program Aptitude test reflects the Ontario provincial aptitude testing Specific Components of the Aptitude test include Understanding Oral Instructions, Reading and Understanding Written Information, Numerical Skills, Maps, Diagrams and Mechanical Reasoning and Teamwork, Public Relations and Community Living.

**Is the test the same as CPA?**

CPA refers to the College Placement Assessment. It assesses a student for placement into a college level communications course. CPA is conducted after a student has been accepted. The FIRE test assesses general knowledge and critical thinking skills. You do not have to complete the CPA unless you have been accepted into a Georgian College program. The FIRE Aptitude test is specific to the FIRE program.

**Can I study for the test?**

Various resources can be used to prepare for the test, such as a dictionary, 10th grade arithmetic textbook, high school science textbook and books such as Baron's Firefighter exams, Norman Hall's Firefighter Exam Preparation Book.

**How long is the test?**

The total time for the test is 2 hours; the testing day takes approximately 2 ½ hours as you need to arrive 30 minutes early to register. Make sure you record the time and date you selected once you reserve your seat online.

**How do I pay for the test?**

You need to pay for the test when you have booked your test online. A **non-refundable testing fee** must be paid to guarantee your reservation. Payment must be made using a major credit card. Security measures are in place to protect your information. If you do not have a credit card or do not wish to use a credit card online, information will be available regarding how to pay for your test once you've booked online.

**When can I get my test results?**

Test results are used for selection purposes and are not released to the applicant until after selection. They will be available for viewing on the web as of March 1, 2011.

**Can I use a calculator?**

Calculators and other aids **are not** allowed. All electronic devices must be turned off during the test. You will be provided paper. **Please bring a No. 10 pencil** with you.

**What happens if I don't write?**

If you do not write the FIRE Aptitude test, your application will still be considered but total points will be considered on the basis of testing results, academic grades and the documented portfolio which is due by February 15, 2011 for Fall 2011 intake or October 15, 2011 for Winter intake for equal consideration for the first acceptances. Please refer to specific literature sent to you by the college.

**Can I use my test results on the FIRE Aptitude test from last year?**

Each application cycle is a new process. These test results can be used for Fall 2011 and Winter 2012 selection. Test results from a previous year cannot be used for selection.

**How soon will I learn if I passed?**

There is no pass mark. Results provide a relative ranking based on averages from all applicants who have taken the FIRE Aptitude testing. The results are specific to each particular program. Georgian College uses this information and assigns points. Points achieved through testing results, your documented resume and academic grades are combined to give total points. Applicants are then ranked based on these points.

**If I don't do well on the test, can I rewrite?**

The FIRE Aptitude test is used for selection so rewrites are not allowed. You are eligible to write the FIRE Aptitude test on scheduled test dates once per admissions cycle.

**Your school is too far away. Can I have the test sent to me?**

Any applicant within a 3 hour drive of any of the campuses where testing takes place is expected to test at the college. If you are further than 3 hours, your situation will be assessed on an individual basis. You must complete the Off-Site Testing Request form.

We strongly recommend that you complete your FIRE test at Georgian College or another college that is conducting the test. If you are unable to do so and are more than 3 hours from a Georgian College campus, you can request off site testing. It is your responsibility to arrange for an alternate test location (community colleges and universities are the only alternate locations that are accepted) and a qualified invigilator (must be a faculty person or authorized testing staff at a college or university). You are also responsible for any fees charged by the alternate test location. Georgian College does not assume any responsibility for problems encountered at the alternate location.

If you wish to apply for off-site testing complete the following steps:

1. Book your FIRE test for one of Georgian's test sessions.
2. Pay for your test.
3. Download and complete this Word document about [Off-Site Testing Request form](#).

4. Fax the application to the contact on the application at least 10 days before the date reserved at Georgian College.

5. If your application is approved, your Georgian reservation will be cancelled and your test will be forwarded to the alternate location.

You must complete the [Off-Site Testing Request form](#). Once this is received arrangements will be made if the request is approved.

**I can't get to any of the test dates. What do I do?**

It is in your best interest to complete the test on one of the scheduled dates. If you cannot make any dates then your application will be based on your academic and documented resume.

**Why do I have to do this test when other colleges don't expect me to?**

Every college has the right to set their own admission/selection process. There is a high demand for Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training program at Georgian College and testing assists us in selecting the applicants who are best prepared for the work involved in our programs.

**What is the cost of my program?**

To find the cost of your program you should go to the Georgian College web site and search for the program you are interested in.

**I need directions to the college campus where I will be testing.**

To find directions to the campus where you are testing you should go to the Georgian College Web site and search for campus maps Georgian College locations and maps.

**Test Taking Tips**

Get plenty of sleep the night before. Lack of adequate rest the night before will affect your efficiency. Relax - too much worry and anxiety is neither necessary nor helpful. Mobilize your self-confidence; be positive, your attitude is important! Report illness, excessive fatigue, or other conditions that would be a hindrance, prior to beginning the test. Take care of any personal needs before the testing begins.

**NOTE:** You **must bring photo identification and proof of application** to the programs for which you are testing (Georgian number and OCAS number – available on your acknowledgement letter from Georgian) or you will be denied access to the test.

**NOTE:** Parking at the College is \$5.00. You will need exact change; please have loonies available.