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Origin and Development of NFPA 1000

In 1990 the Professional Qualifications Correlating Committee recommended that the Association establish a project related to fire service certification and accreditation programs. The project was approved at the July 1990 meeting of the NFPA Standards Council. As a result of this action, a technical committee was named to develop procedures for the accreditation of agencies involved in certification, based on the NFPA Professional Qualifications Standards, and procedures for the certification of individuals to those standards.

The Technical Committee on Accreditation and Certification to Fire Service Professional Qualifications met for the first time in October 1991 and regularly during 1992 and 1993 to develop this document. The committee reviewed materials related to accreditation and certification programs of non-fire service organizations and, where possible, used nationally accepted requirements from these programs as the basis for this document. The committee's objective was to develop requirements that could be used to evaluate accreditation and certification systems that use NFPA Professional Qualifications Standards.

In the 2000 edition of this document, the committee added provisions for the accrediting of nonengineering, fire-related, academic, degree-granting programs offered by institutions of higher education.

In the 2006 edition of this document, the committee has added provisions to recognize changing methodologies used for evaluations for both accreditation and certification agencies. Changes were made to bring the document into conformance with the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents*.

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