

FIREFIGHTERS

NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Newport, Rhode Island



The City of Newport, Rhode Island is accepting applications for the consideration of future appointments to the position of Firefighter with the Newport Fire Department.

SALARY

Firefighter Recruit (RI Fire Academy).....	\$1,050.00 per week
Probationary Firefighter	\$62,673.70 per year
Permanent Firefighter	\$69,008.27 - \$81,953.91 per year

OFFICIAL APPLICATION PERIOD: Wednesday, April 8, 2026 until Friday, May 22, 2026

MINIMUM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least **18** years of age but must not have attained the maximum age of **40** by the end of the official Application Period (5/22/2026)
- Must be a High School graduate or possess a General Education Diploma (GED) by **June 30, 2026***
- Applicant claiming Veteran's preference must present a DD-214 separation form
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must be a United States citizen or authorized to work in the United States

A copy of your birth certificate, driver's license, HS/GED and DD-214, if applicable, must be submitted at the time of application. Valid PPA and Written Exam test certificates (see below) must also be submitted.*

- *Applicants must possess, at time of appointment to the RI Fire Academy, a current **National Registry EMT (NREMT) Basic** and a current **Physical Performance Assessment (PPA) test***

HIRING PROCESS

- *Application:* Submit your application through FirefighterApp.com by or before the application deadline date. *Prerequisite:* Successful completion of PPA and written examinations will be required by May 22, 2026.
- *PPA and Written Tests:* The physical performance assessment (PPA) test will be solely administered by the RI Association of Fire Chiefs. Applicants **MUST** register by the established registration deadline dates at www.certifyfit.com/ri-fire/. Also, the written examination will be administered by FirefighterApp.com. Applicants **MUST** register by the established registration deadline date at FirefighterApp.com (select *Exams/RI Association of Fire Chiefs* for information). Successful completion and issuance of the PPA and written test (score 70%+) certifications must be valid by the application deadline date of May 22, 2026.
- *Oral Board Interviews:* Pass/Fail - a panel consisting of Fire officials will conduct an initial evaluation of a candidates' background & experience as it relates to the field of fire science. Only the top 10% of the City's qualified candidate applicant pool will be initially invited. Others will be retained for future testing within the period defined by the City's 2-year eligibility register.
- *Background Investigations, Physical, Psychological and Screening for Controlled Substances:* Pass/Fail - conducted for candidates selected by the Newport Fire Department who proceed in the process.

Applicants must pass all phases of the hiring process to qualify for further testing. An applicant who successfully pass all of the examinations will be placed on a 2-year eligibility register for future employment consideration.

* HS/GED proof must be submitted to the Human Resources Department no later than June 30, 2026

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