

1. Stair Climber

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of climbing four flights of stairs in full protective clothing while carrying a hose pack.



2. Hose Drag

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of dragging an uncharged hoseline from the fire apparatus to the fire occupancy and pulling an uncharged hoseline around obstacles while remaining stationary.



3. Equipment Carry

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of removing power tools from the fire apparatus, carrying them to the emergency scene and returning the equipment to the fire apparatus.



4. Ladder Raise and Extension

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of placing a ground ladder at a structure fire and extending the ladder to the roof or a window.



5. Forcible Entry

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of using force to open a locked door or to breach a wall.



6. Search

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of searching for a fire victim with limited visibility in an unpredictable area.



7. Rescue

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of removing a victim or injured partner from a fire scene.



8. Ceiling Breach and Pull

This event is designed to simulate the critical tasks of breaching and pulling down a ceiling to check for fire extension.

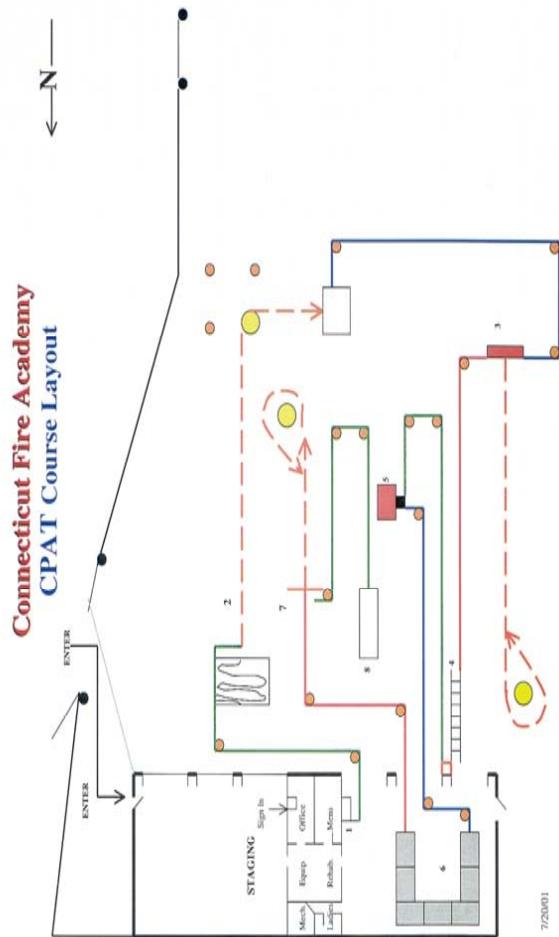
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The Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) consists of eight separate events.



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Candidate Physical Ability Test*



What is CPAT?

The Candidate Physical Ability Test is a practical exam used to test a candidate's physical ability to perform a job task related to firefighting. CPAT is a physically demanding test that requires a candidate to use his or her physical, mental abilities and, in some cases, balance. The CPAT involves eight events that must be completed in 10 minutes 20 seconds. The CPAT process is used in the selection of firefighters in participating fire agencies throughout the State of Connecticut.

What is a CPAT Orientation?

The CPAT Orientation is a three and a half hour class designed to familiarize candidates with the CPAT Test. Orientations are offered no less than eight weeks prior to the actual scheduled test date. The orientation session will follow the issued Candidate Guide including hands-on experience with the CPAT equipment.

Is the orientation required to take the test?

No, the orientation is optional. However, attending the orientation is highly recommended and may have a positive impact on the candidate's outcome.

How is the CPAT Test Graded?

CPAT is a pass or fail test only. Finish times are recorded for the candidate's own personal use and for statistical purposes. Time may not be used to rank any candidate in any selection process for employment. You must complete all eight stations within the 10 minutes and 20 seconds time limit. Successful candidates will receive a certificate. However, employers are directed to verify successful CPAT completion with the Connecticut Fire Academy CPAT Registrar.

How Do I Apply For the CPAT Test?

There are two ways to apply for the CPAT Test. The first method is to download an application from the Connecticut Fire Academy website at www.ct.gov/cfpc and go to Training Division and click on Fall Course Catalog. The second method is to contact the CPAT Registrar directly at 860-627-6363 ext. 238.

How Long is a CPAT Certificate Valid?

The employer (individual fire dept. or municipality) decides how long to honor CPAT Certificates. The Connecticut Fire Academy recommends one-year from passing to appointing authorities. However, some cities may require candidates to take their CPAT test despite possession of a certificate.

I'm in Great Shape. Do I Need to Workout?

Unless you typically use a stair climber wearing an additional 50lbs of weight, you are not prepared for CPAT. The Candidate Guide suggests specific exercises for the eight physical challenges within CPAT. To truly prepare for the rigors of CPAT, you should follow the suggested workouts in the Candidate Guide.

CPAT

Orientation:

An orientation to review the layout of the test is available. This is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

Weather Cancellations:

Because the test is run outside, inclement weather may force a cancellation. To determine if the test that you registered for is being run, call 877-528-3473 ext. 415 and listen to the recorded message.

**Student Cancellation/
Rescheduling and Other
Information:**

Contact the Registrar between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at 860-627-6363 ext. 238 or In-State Toll-Free at 877-528-3473 ext. 238.

Test Fee: \$65.00

Refunds:

Failure of the test is not a qualification for a refund. The only method to receive a refund is to send in a written request to the Director of Training to cancel within seven (7) days prior to the test session.