



JIBC

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## Recognition of the IAFF - HazMat/WMD Awareness/Operations Certification (ProBoard Accredited)

The Justice Institute of British Columbia's (JIBC) Fire & Safety Division has received requests from students and Fire Department Training Officers to recognize the IAFF - HazMat/WMD Training First Responder Awareness/Operations Level certification (ProBoard accredited) as equivalent to the JIBC Hazardous Material Operations level course.

Over the past six months, the Fire & Safety Division (FSD) has been consulting and working with IAFF representatives from Washington, DC, the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association, ProBoard, the FSD Fire Service Advisory committee, and other valued stakeholders. As part of this process, the FSD has determined that the term equivalency has a different meaning for both the JIBC and our stakeholders. FSD will recognize and accept the IAFF – HazMat/WMD Awareness/Operations Certification as follows:

### 1. **Reciprocity for the JIBC HZM120 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response – Technician Level**

Students may use the IAFF HazMat Awareness/Operations certification to meet the necessary pre-requisite level of training required to register for the JIBC HZM120 Hazardous Materials Technicians level course (NFPA 472 Technician level certification) through reciprocity (\*1). However the student will not receive any credits on their JIBC transcript for the IAFF - HazMat/WMD Training First Responder Awareness/Operations Level certification.

### 2. **Recognition for BCM091 Hazmat Awareness and BCM093 Hazmat Operations in the BC Firefighter I & II Program**

Students seeking to use the IAFF HazMat Awareness/Operations certification to meet the requirements of these two modules within the BC Firefighter I& II program (NFPA 1001, ProBoard and IFSAC accredited) will receive recognition of the IAFF certification in the form of a Prior Learning Assessment (non-credit). This will meet the requirements for completion of the BC Firefighter I & II program.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The JIBC BC Firefighter I & II Programs will be changing in order to meet the new BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standard outlined in the Structure Firefighters Competency and Training Playbook. As the JIBC Firefighter Programs are changed to align with the Playbook, this issue will be reconsidered and further changes in recognition of the IAFF certification will result.

### 3. **Credited Recognition of the IAFF – HazMat/WMD Awareness/Operations Certification for HZM100 Hazardous Materials Awareness (0.5 credits) and HZM110 Hazardous Materials Operations (2.0 credits)**

Students that want to receive JIBC equivalency, including the 2.5 credits associated with HZM100 and HZM110 on their JIBC transcript, will be required to complete additional course work/contact hours in order to bridge the identified gap in training.

To receive the 2.5 credits and recognition on your JIBC transcript, students will be required to complete one of the following:

- Proof of completion of the JIBC - CMD120 Incident Command System Level 200, or
- Challenge the HZM110 Hazardous Materials Operations course with a four hour practical skills evaluation conducted by a JIBC evaluator, or
- Written confirmation and validation from the Fire Chief stating that the student has completed an additional 14 hours of Hazardous Materials practical training, in the following areas :
  - a. Hazmat scene management (Incident Action Plans)
  - b. Decon
  - c. Donning and Doffing level A and or B suits
  - d. Scenario Based training demonstrating the ten defensive tactics described in NFPA 6.6.3.1

This documentation along with a copy of the ProBoard accredited IAFF HazMat Awareness/Operations certification will be required.

(\*1) *Reciprocity allows Students to submit proof of certification to a particular standard permitting them to register and complete the next level of certification for that particular standard. Students will not receive transfer credit for the operations level, but will be permitted to attain the technician’s level of the standard. It is also important to recognize that although Pro Board encourages reciprocity among certifying entities, it is not automatic or required.*

**Summary:**

JIBC process for recognition of the IAFF – HazMat/WMD Awareness/Operations Certification	Definition	JIBC HZM100 Hazardous Materials Awareness (0.5 credits)	JIBC HZM110 Hazardous Materials Operations (2.0 credits)	JIBC HZM120 Hazardous Materials Technician (3.0 credits)	JIBC BCM091 Hazmat Awareness BCM093 Hazmat Operations (BC FF I & II Program) (0 credits)
<b>The Reciprocity</b>	JIBC recognizes IFSAC and ProBoard accredited courses/programs from accredited institutions/organizations. Students submitting proof of certification to a NFPA standard with either an IFSAC or ProBoard seal will be permitted to register and complete the next level of certification for the particular NFPA Standard. Students will not necessarily receive transfer credit but will be permitted to attain the next level of the NFPA standard			√ <i>Students providing proof of IAFF Hazmat/WMD Operations Certificate with ProBoard seal will be permitted to register HZM120. No credit for HZM100 or HZM110 will be applied.</i>	

<p><b>Prior Learning Assessment &amp; Recognition</b></p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition is a systematic process that involves the identification, documentation, assessment and recognition of learning (i.e. skills, knowledge and attitudes)</p>				<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>Students providing proof of IAFF Hazmat/WMD Operations Certificate with ProBoard seal will be granted a non-credit Prior Learning Assessment in the BC Firefighter I &amp; II Program that can be applied towards NFPA 1001 FF II certification with IFSAC and ProBoard seals.</i></p>
<p><b>Credit Recognition</b></p>	<p>Courses with credits associated are based on evaluation of learning and contact hours. <i>Example:</i> HZM110 Hazardous Materials Awareness is evaluated through a written knowledge test and is 7 hours in length, resulting in 0.5 credits.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>Students that want to receive the 2.5 credits associated with JIBC HZM100 awareness and JIBC HZM110 operations on their JIBC transcript will be required to complete additional course work/contact hours.(See options outlined above)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>Students that want to receive the 2.5 credits associated with JIBC HZM100 and JIBC HZM110 on their JIBC transcript will be required to complete additional course work/contact hours.(See options outlined above)</i></p>		