

Basic Life Safety Code
Course Descriptions

Certified Fire Inspector 1 Fact Sheet

- Effective October 12, 2012, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) policy requires Life Safety Code (LSC) surveyor candidates to obtain a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Certified Fire Inspector 1 (CFI1) certificate as a prerequisite to attending the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) Course.
- The CFI1 certificate must be sent to the State Training Coordinator or Regional Training Administrator who will submit a vetting copy to the CMS Training Staff. Registration for BLSC will not be allowed until this has been done.
- The purpose for establishing the CFI1 requirement is to ensure LSC surveyor candidates have sufficient knowledge to participate effectively in the CMS BLSC Course.
- NFPA does not require each candidate to take CFI1 training; however, each candidate must pass the test and complete the practicum in order to receive a certificate.
- Acceptable sources for CFI1 include NFPA, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC), and ProBoard.
- CMS does not require CFI1 recertification.
- More Information, forms, and testing requirements may be found at the [NFPA website](#).
- Test Center website
 - To locate a computer based testing center near you, visit the [Testing Center website](#).
- Fire Inspector I materials
 - [CFI-I program overview](#)
 - [Candidate handbook](#)
 - [Application](#)
 - [Retest application](#)
 - [Transfer application](#)
 - [Reference materials](#)