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EL-26 Bridge Program(s)

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I. PURPOSE

To provide a pathway for previous students who have successfully completed parts of the EL-22 module(s) ‘Essentials of Firefighting’

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

This memo serves as official notification to all Educational Training Agencies (ETA’s)

III. EL-22 ELIS ‘Entry Level Introduction to Safety’ Candidates

PSFA recommendation: Students who successfully completed EL22 ELIS, Intro to the Fire Service, may enroll in and be integrated into an existing EL26 ELFS Support course. They are only required to attend the portions of the EL26 ELFS program that were not previously covered under EL22 ELIS. Students are responsible for coordinating their attendance with both the Educational Training Agency and the lead instructor to ensure all required content is completed. Upon successful completion, the student will be issued an EL26 ELFS diploma and will be prepared to sit for the NFPA 1010 Firefighter Support Person Pro Board Certification examination and/or enroll in the EL26 Firefighter I training program.

IV. EL-22 ELFG ‘Entry Level Fireground Support’ Candidates

Students who successfully completed EL22 ELFG, Fireground Support, may enroll in and complete the designated EL22 ELFG to ‘BEL22_26-BRIDGE’ - ELFS bridge course. This program consists of approximately 12 hours of additional training, though total hours may vary depending on enrollment and delivery format. Upon successful completion, the student will be awarded the appropriate EL26 ELFS diploma and will be prepared to sit for the NFPA 1010 Firefighter Support Person Pro Board Certification examination and/or enroll in the EL26 Firefighter I training program.

Comments and Questions Regarding this PSFA Policy Statement should be Directed to:
Deputy State Fire Commissioner for Fire Academy at 717-247-3750

V. EL-22 ELEF ‘Entry Level Exterior Firefighter’ Candidates

Students who successfully complete EL22 ELEF, Exterior Firefighter, will continue their progression by enrolling in the EL22 ELIF program. The PSFA is highly encouraging all ETA’s to work with local leaders and local level instructors to schedule courses of EL22 - ELIF – Entry Level Interior Firefighter training across the Commonwealth up until December 31, 2026. The EL22 ELIF program will continue to run beyond the EL26 implementation cutoff date of June 30, 2026, but only when a demonstrated need exists. This ensures continuity for students who began training under the EL22 curriculum and provides a structured and supported route to completion within that pathway. This will expire December 31, 2026.

VI. ASSESSMENT TESTING

The ‘BEL22_26-BRIDGE’ bridge course assessment tests will be made available in the Acadis database to all ETA registered representatives.

VII. INSTRUCTOR GUIDANCE

Instructors who are currently credentialed as an EL-26 instructor are authorized to instruct the bridge program ‘BEL22_26-BRIDGE’. Instructional materials will be provided to the Local Level Instructors in the Acadis database including: Program Roadmap, Course Syllabus, Course Outline, and Practical Skill Sheets. This will be the only available means provided. All materials will be available as of Friday, March 13, 2026.

Internal Reviewers:

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