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NEW AUTOMATIC FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD AND TIMELINE

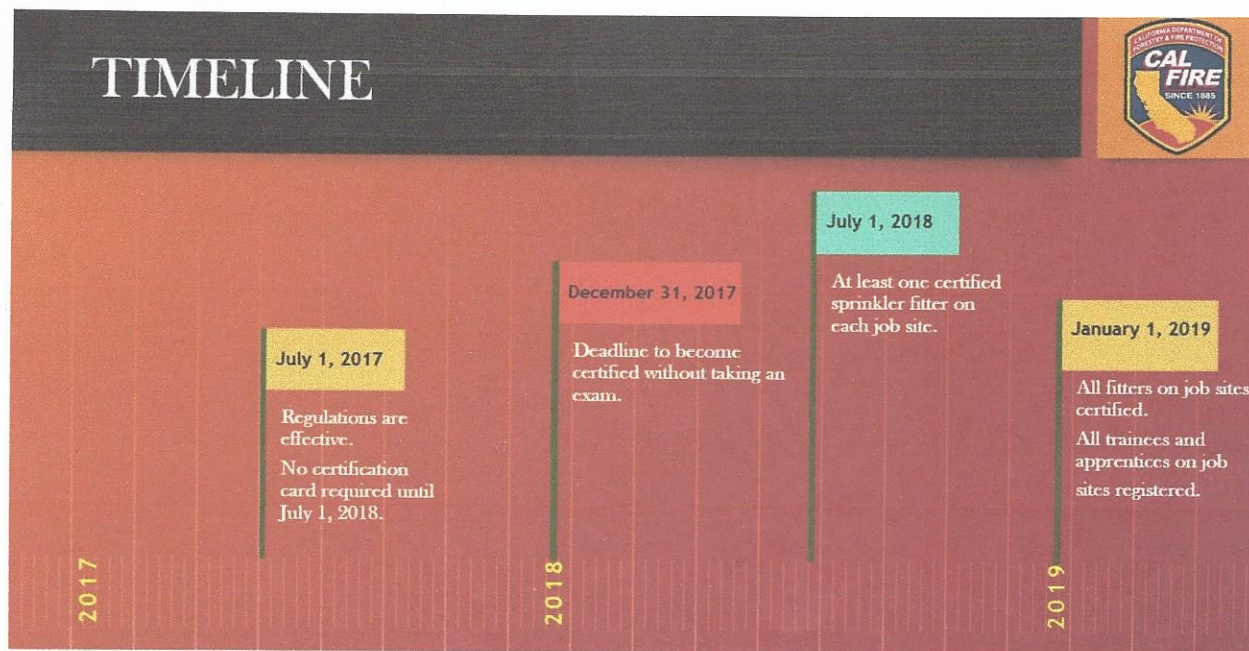
On July 1, 2017, the Automatic Extinguishing Systems (AES) Sprinkler Fitter Certification regulations became effective. The regulations require all individual Sprinkler Fitters, Apprentices, and Trainees on jobsites who install, alter, and/or repair water-based fire protection systems to either be certified as a Sprinkler Fitter or registered as an Apprentice or Trainee. To avoid delays and work stoppages, the Certification Program will be phased in over an 18-month “Implementation Period.” Below are important Implementation Period dates and deadlines to keep in mind:

July 1, 2017 – Regulations became effective. No certification cards for Sprinkler Fitters are required until July 1, 2018. No registration cards are required for Apprentices and Trainees until January 1, 2019.

December 31, 2017 – Deadline for Journeyman Fire Sprinkler Fitters, those who possess an active C-16, or those employed by a C-16 who meet the minimum qualifications to obtain certification without taking an examination.

July 1, 2018 – At least one certified Sprinkler Fitter will be required per job site.

January 1, 2019 – All Sprinkler Fitters shall possess a certification card and all Apprentices and Trainees shall possess a registration card.



For additional information please see the OSFM's [Information Bulletin 17-002](#) and [Sprinkler Fitter Certification Final Text of Regulations/Express Terms](#).

For applications, please visit CAL FIRE – Office of the State Fire Marshal's [AES Webpage](#).

For questions, please contact the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal at the e-mail: AES@fire.ca.gov.