



Firefighter Trainee Recruitment Process

Step 1: Employment Application

Applications will be accepted beginning **April 14, 2026**. Apply online through [Government Jobs \(City of Las Vegas\)](#). Applicants will only be required to submit one (1) application. No manual applications or documents will be accepted for this recruiting process.

Step 2: Written Exam (50% of overall score)/Candidate Firefighter Physical Assessment (50% of overall score)

Only those applicants who submitted a complete application that meets the minimum qualifications will receive an approval email to take the test. Testing with the National Testing Network (NTN) will take place from **May 18 – June 17, 2026**, for invited candidates only. Invited candidates are expected to schedule their testing through the online registration process ([National Testing Network](#)). If you do not receive an invitation to test, your test results will not be considered. There are no study guide materials provided but you may take a practice test. [NTN Fire Applicant Practice Tests \(ErgoPracticeTests.com\)](#).

If you have already taken a test with NTN, you may apply those scores to the city of Las Vegas via the National Testing Network website and do not have to retest, if you do not want to. Your scores are good for one (1) year after your test date and must have been completed no earlier than one (1) year from the deadline of **June 17, 2026**. NTN allows you to retest three (3) months after your original test score, if you choose to do so. **All questions concerning applying scores from a test already taken need to be directed to NTN.** Upon completion of the exam, all candidate scores are automatically forwarded to the city of Las Vegas, Human Resources Department. Make sure you complete the entire test. Human Resources will contact candidates on the list when test scores are available and will notify candidates of the next steps in the recruitment process. Results will not be available until after the deadline for the test, which is **June 17, 2026, at 5:00PM**, you automatically fail this step and will not move forward in the recruitment process. **You will be able to view your test scores on the NTN site. Keep in mind, each Fire Department weighs different sections of the test differently. You will not have the same score with every department. What is passing with one department could be failing with another department.**

Candidates who have completed the NTN examination, and passed with a **70% or higher**, will be invited to participate in the Candidate Firefighter Physical Assessment. This is a PASS or FAIL test. **Failing any one of the standards is considered a failure for the entire test.** Candidates will be limited to one (1) attempt at this event. Those invited to take the Physical Assessment will be contacted by email.

Click on the link below to watch instructional video on fitness testing.

[LVFR PT Evaluation Explanation-YouTube \(fitness testing\)](#)

This video includes closed captions. It visually explains each fitness test event, required form, timing, and scoring.

Table 1: Testing Requirements

Event	Minimum Passing / Time	Warning	Failure
Hex Deadlift	170 lbs. (3 Reps.)	1	Minimum of 3 reps. Minimum weight of 170 lbs
Power Throw	15Ft. 2 attempts (10lbs. Slam ball)	1	Failure of both attempts, not throwing a minimum distance of 15ft.
Hand Release Pushups	20 Repetitions	2	Not completing 20 reps. More than 2 warnings.
Sprint-Drag-Carry	2 Minutes 0 Seconds	1	Not making minimum time. More than 1 warning.
Leg Tuck	2 Repetitions	2	Not making 2 reps. More than 2 warnings.
1.5 Mile Run	15 Minutes 0 Seconds	0	Not making minimum run time. Running outside of boundaries

These requirements differ from the Academy physical fitness standards. **Recruits should be well beyond these minimum standards by the start of the Academy.** These testing requirements allow us to evaluate if you are ready to proceed in this process. To view Academy fitness requirements refer to the *Academy Fitness Requirements* link from the recruitment page. Candidates will be testing on the Academy Fitness Standards on Day 1 of the academy.

Step 3: Eligible List Placement

Applicants who successfully pass the written exam and physical assessment will be placed on the Firefighter Trainee eligible list. The Fire Department uses the eligible list to invite applicants for job interviews. Group 1 = 100-90%, Group 2 = 89-80%, Group 3 – 79-70%. Recruitment will select initial interviews from Group 1 first and work down the eligible list. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive an invitation via email with further instructions. Email Fire Recruit for address or info changes (firerecruit@lasvegasnevada.gov).

Step 4: Virtual Interview

There will be one (1) round of virtual interviews. Candidates who are selected to participate will receive an invitation email with instructions on how to complete the interview. You must receive an email invitation to participate in the virtual interview. Those who are selected to continue in the hiring process will receive an invitation to participate for an in-person interview. If selected after the in-person interview, invites will be sent for a psychological examination and background check.

Step 5: In-Person Interviews

A semifinal group of candidates will be invited to participate in in-person interviews. The interviews will allow the Fire Chief or designee(s) the opportunity for personalized interactions individual to the candidate. If you are invited to the in-person interviews, you will receive an email notification with further instructions to schedule your interview.

Step 6: Suitability Assessment and Background Check

A subgroup consisting of the most qualified candidates will be invited to participate in a suitability assessment and background check. The assessment evaluates the following: interpersonal skills, including sensitivity and respect for others; decision-making and judgment; maturity and discipline; honesty, integrity and personal ethics; setting and achieving goals, fire service adaptability, and a pattern of conduct acceptable to the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department. A comprehensive background investigation consists of employment verification and a felony/misdemeanor record check. If you are invited to the suitability examination and background screening, you will receive notification via email with further instructions.

Step 7: Selection/Offers

Candidates will be selected for hire based on the culmination of the previous steps and the hiring needs of the city. If you are selected for hire for the next Academy, you will receive a conditional job offer with instructions to complete the pre-employment screening steps. Your job offer is conditional upon your passing a drug screen and medical exam.

Step 8: Drug Screening and Medical Exam

Hired candidates will be administered a pre-employment drug screening test. A pre-employment medical examination is conducted by a physician to evaluate the candidate's medical fitness (vision, hearing, cardiovascular, respiratory, etc.) to perform the full range of duties.