

Frequently Asked Questions for IAAI-CFI® Candidates & Evaluators



- ? Why did IAAI change the application process for CFIs?**
- Completion of the NFPA 1033 JPR checklists has always been part of the application process for IAAI-CFI®. Our accrediting bodies (ProBoard) have now required that those evaluations be completed by an approved evaluator, rather than by the candidate through self-assessment. As the most respected certification in the industry, it is essential that we maintain the highest standards of evaluation for IAAI-CFI® candidates through the application and approval process.
- ? How can a candidate complete their checklists if they do not have an IAAI JPR Evaluator in their department?**
- The candidate should first consider if there is someone they work with on a regular basis who meets the qualifications of an IAAI JPR Evaluator who can then apply. The application is free, and simple to complete. They should share the link with them and ask them to become an approved evaluator. If there is not someone in their department, they can consult the list of current evaluators posted on our website to find someone near them.
- ? Can an IAAI-CFI® candidate be evaluated on their 1033 JPRs during a training exercise?**
- Yes, they may be evaluated during a training session and have a JPR Evaluator sign off on their checklist upon successful completion of the 1033 JPRs.
- ? Can an IAAI-CFI candidate include trainings or scenes they have investigated in the past if an evaluator was present and can sign off?**
- Yes, candidates can use prior investigations if the evaluator witnessed them performing the 1033 JPRs. All 1033 JPRs must have been performed within the 5 years preceding the submission of the application.

? Can an IAAI JPR Evaluator conduct evaluations virtually?

- Yes, some evaluations may be conducted virtually, if the evaluator can adequately witness and confirm that the candidate has successfully completed the 1033 JPRs on the checklist.

? Can a candidate send a documentation packet electronically to a JPR evaluator for approval?

- Yes, if the JPR evaluator can adequately assess the candidate's performance of the JPRs based on the documentation packet, including reports, photographs, etc. then they may evaluate the packet and sign off.

? Are JPR Evaluators compensated for their service?

- All IAAI JPR Evaluators are volunteers. The IAAI is appreciative of the efforts of these individuals to help advance the field of fire investigation by evaluating and supporting new IAAI-CFI® candidates during the application process.

? If the scene is a closed scene, how will the JPR Evaluator gain access?

- It will be up to the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) overseeing the investigation to determine which personnel would be permitted on any given scene. Each IAAI JPR Evaluator and IAAI-CFI® candidate should communicate directly with local officials on the scene in these situations to determine proper permissions.

? What if an IAAI JPR Evaluator is not available during my work hours? What should I do?

- The IAAI-CFI® candidate bears the responsibility to find an IAAI JPR Evaluator who can be available to witness their investigations. Candidates should communicate directly with the evaluator to determine if they will be able to attend the fire scenes at required times.

For more information about IAAI JPR Evaluators and the IAAI-CFI® application process, please visit

<https://www.firearson.com/credentials/iaai-cfi/>