

Frequently Asked Questions

JUST 0063 – Fire & Life Safety Educator (NFPA 1035)

Will I receive NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator certification?

Upon successful completion of the Fire & Life Safety Educator course, you will be granted the opportunity to write the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1 provincial exam. Upon successfully passing the OFMEM exam, you will receive the NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1 Certification. All official NFPA 1035 certifications will be issued directly to the student. Georgian College does not have the authority to issue these certifications, but we will mail them to you when we receive them from the OFMEM.

Is the final certification Proboard & IFSAC accredited?

Yes, the OFMEM NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator provincial exam is Proboard and IFSAC accredited.

Can I take the final OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam online? If no, do I have to write the exam with Georgian College?

Unfortunately, the OFMEM does not allow exams to be written online. Proboard and IFSAC requires that all exams are proctored, in-person. Because the final NFPA 1035 exam is proctored by the OFMEM, all students wishing to write the exam must write it at Georgian College. In some extenuating circumstances, we can make other arrangements. If you would like to explore another option, please reach out to Stephanie Carpenter, Program Assistant at stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca to discuss further.

Do I have to write the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam? Can I write it at a different time if I have a conflict with the scheduled date?

Students do not have to write the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam. However, students will not receive final certifications without challenging the exam.

In most cases, the exam cannot be rescheduled. However, if you would like to explore another option, please reach out to Stephanie Carpenter, Program Assistant at stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca to discuss further.

When & Where will the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam take place?

The OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam, proctored by the OFMEM, will take place at Georgian College Barrie Campus, one – two weeks following the completion of the course.

Is there an additional fee for writing the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam?

Yes, the OFMEM requires a \$150 fee to write the exam. The fee is not included in tuition costs; therefore, students will be expected to make payment within the first couple of weeks of the course. Students will make payment to Georgian College by credit card. Georgian College will submit the payment to the OFMEM on the student's behalf. Information on how to make payment will be posted on Blackboard for

students within the first couple of weeks of the course. If you are an active member of a fire department, please reach out to Stephanie Carpenter, Program Assistant at stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca as the process is slightly different.

Will I receive a certificate after taking this course?

If the student chooses to write the OFMEM NFPA 1035 Fire & Life Safety Educator Level 1 provincial exam, the student will receive the NFPA certification from the OFMEM. It will take approximately 10-12 weeks after writing the provincial exam for students to receive their results from the OFMEM. Georgian College does not offer a certificate for non-credit, part-time courses. If you require proof of completion, you can obtain an official transcript from the registrar's office: ROrecords@georgiancollege.ca. Students can obtain an unofficial transcript at any time from your Banner account.

When will I receive my results for the NFPA 1035 exam?

Students will receive their results directly from the OFMEM 10-12 weeks following the written exam. Georgian College does not receive results of the exams and cannot issue NFPA 1035 certifications.

How much does the course cost? Are there any additional fees?

Please refer to the Georgian College Continuing Education website for the current price of this course.

Students wishing to write the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam will be required to pay the OFMEM fee of \$150. Students will complete an application and make payment to Georgian College by credit card. Georgian College will submit the application and payment to the OFMEM on the student's behalf. An application and information on how to make payment will be posted on Blackboard for students within the first couple of weeks of the course. If you are an active member of a fire department, please reach out to Stephanie Carpenter, Program Assistant at stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca as the process is slightly different.

How long is the course?

As per the requirements of the OFMEM, the course is 30 hours, spread out over 10 weeks. There may be the opportunity when we offer a condensed course, over 5 weeks. Please refer to the continuing education website for delivery models.

How is the course delivered?

The course is delivered synchronously, on a weekly basis. The course will have a scheduled 3-hour timeslot once a week (or twice a week if the course is condensed) in which students will be expected to attend.

If the course fully online? Are there any in-person activities/requirements?

Traditionally, the course is offered in-person at the Barrie Campus as an evening course. However, because of the provincial COVID19 restrictions, the course has moved to an online format until further notice. Students will not be required to participate in in-person activities at this time. All synchronous activities will be held in an online format using WebEx or Microsoft Teams.

The only exception to this is the final OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam. This exam must be written in-person at the Georgian College Barrie Campus following the completion of the course.

Am I required to attend class every week?

Yes, attendance is very important for this course. The OFMEM requires 100% attendance in order to be eligible to write the OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam.

In some extenuating circumstances, arrangements can be made with the professor. If you think you will be missing more than one (1) class, please speak Stephanie Carpenter, Program Assistant at stephanie.carpenter@georgiancollege.ca before registering to discuss further.

How many students are in this course?

The maximum number of students in the course is 25.

When is this course offered?

This course is typically offered beginning in September, January and May. Please refer to the Georgian College Continuing Education website for specific start dates.

Are there any pre-requisites for this course?

No, there are no pre-requisites for this course.

Is there a textbook required for this course?

Yes, students will be required to purchase a textbook for this course. It is strongly recommended that students purchase the textbook because there will be some content in the course that will only be touched on briefly but will be on the final OFMEM NFPA 1035 exam.

Information on the required textbook will be provided after registration.

Where can I purchase the textbook?

Students can purchase the textbook online and have it shipped directly from the Georgian Stores <https://www.georgianstores.com/georgian/default.asp?>

Another option for purchasing the textbook includes:

Firehall Bookstore: <https://www.firehallbookstore.com/cat/fire-prevention-public-education/texts-handbooks-3/>

Active members of a fire department should reach out to their training division to enquire about borrowing a copy of the textbook.

Please ensure you are purchasing the correct edition of the required textbook.

Do I require a computer for this course?

Yes, you will be expected to participate in synchronous, weekly, online activities using WebEx or Microsoft Teams. The course will also include tests and assignments that must be completed and submitted online.

How do I communicate with my professor?

Georgian College utilizes the Blackboard learning management system. After registration in the course is complete, you will have access to your Georgian College email account, Banner account and Blackboard account. All weekly learning, including announcement from your professor, course content, quizzes, tests, assignments, grades, etc. can be found on your Blackboard account. Please monitor your Blackboard account for instructions from your professor and the syllabus for the course.

Communications to your professor can be made directly through Blackboard using the email function. The professor will also provide his/her contact information. All communications with your professor should be made using your Georgian College email address or Blackboard account.

More information on our college systems can be found here:

Banner (Student Information System) - <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/register/tab/how-to-register/#log-in>

Blackboard (Learning Management System) video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fm7eBflHUO4&feature=youtu.be>

Georgian College offers a Registration & Systems support hub for scheduled or drop in support. Check it out here - <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/register/tab/how-to-register/#registration-systems-support>