

Frequently asked questions

Question

How and when do you apply to become a Wholetime Firefighter?

Answer

We only send out application forms when we are running a recruitment campaign. Please check our website from time to time for details of the next round of recruitment.

Question

How old do you have to be to apply for wholetime/ retained firefighter?

Answer

You have to be between 17 years 6 months and 18 years of age to apply as long as you are 18 years of age at commencement of training. There is no upper age restriction.

Question

Could you send me some information regarding Wholetime Firefighter recruitment?

Answer

Information regarding the recruitment requirements and procedure can be found in our information pack on our website. Please download the document entitled 'Fulltime Firefighter Pack'.

Question

What is the eyesight standard required?

Answer

Details of the eyesight requirements are to be found in our information pack on our website. Please download the document entitled 'Fulltime Firefighter Pack'. Please check you meet the required standard before applying.

Question

Do you have to live in Essex to apply to become a Wholetime Firefighter?

Answer

Yes – you do need to reside in the county of Essex to apply.

Question

Are there any recruitment days/open days coming up for wholetime firefighters?

Answer

Please check our website from time to time for details of station open days/recruitment events.

Question

What locations do you recruit Wholetime Firefighters for?

Answer

Wholetime Firefighters who join Essex County Fire and Rescue Service agree to serve at any station in the county of Essex.

Question

I have heard that you are moving some of your departments to Kelvedon Park- how do I find out about getting a job there?

Answer

All of our jobs are advertised on the website with the location so please check the recruitment section of our website

Question

I wish to do work experience- how do I apply?

Answer

Currently we do not accept work experience but we are working with Trident in order to set up a scheme and therefore please contact trident to see if we have

any opportunities. Please note that you will not be able to do work experience as a firefighter.

Question

Can I send a speculative cv into recruitment so you can contact me if a relevant vacancy comes up

Answer

Please note we do not accept cvs- you need to check the website and apply for any relevant vacancies by completing an application form