

Peru Fire Department

85 West Canal

Peru, IN 46970 765-472-2410

RE: Peru Fire Department Applicant Testing

Dear Applicant:

The Peru Fire Department will be conducting their annual Mental Aptitude Exam soon. The date for testing will be Saturday June 3rd. The testing location will be determined by the number of applications returned. All applicants will be notified of the location at least 3 days prior. The written test will be promptly at 8:00 AM. Applicants not present at that time will be ineligible to take the test. An online study guide for the written mental aptitude exam is available for purchase by the applicant at www.applytoserve.com

The Mental Aptitude Exam is expected to take approximately two (2) hours to complete. **PLEASE BRING A PHOTO I.D. WITH YOU TO THE MENTAL APTITUDE EXAM**

The Mental Aptitude Test is required even if you have tested with us before. If you wish to be an eligible applicant, you must take this exam.

You must be 21 by the date of hire and not yet 40 years of age. An individual not yet 21 may apply, but must turn 21 within the calendar year. Please fill out the attached application and return it by Saturday May 27th, 2023 at 6pm to the above address. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

If you have any questions, please call the Peru Fire Department at 765-472-2410 and ask for Chief Erick Hawk or Pension Secretary Greg Hunt.

Thank you for your interest in our department.

Sincerely,

Greg Hunt, Pension Secretary

Peru Fire Department Snapshot of Benefits

Starting Pay: \$46,666.00 per year, checks issued bi-weekly

Work Schedule: 24 hours on / 48 hours off; every third day is a duty day.

New hires are placed on probationary status for one year. You must fulfill requirements of Basic EMT and Firefighter I and II to be considered for Career Status. You are also required to sign a three year employment contract.

Clothing Allowance: After being placed on Career Status, Clothing Allowance is \$1250 per year, payable ½ in July and ½ in December.

Member of the 1977 Police and Firefighters Pension and Disability Fund.

Health and Dental Insurance Benefits: Employee pays into a Health Savings Account per bi-weekly paycheck. The city contributes a predetermined amount into the HSA twice per year. Insurance is effective after 90 days. Health Insurance is reviewed annually and is subject to change at annual review.

Longevity Pay: Longevity pay increases on a graduated matrix scale each year of service after two years.

Paid Vacation:

After one year of service – 5 days

After five years of service – 8 days

After ten years of service – 11 days

After fifteen years of service – 14 days

Plus 7 personal days per year.

City of Peru Fire Department

Firefighter Job Description

Operate both as a member of a team and independently at incidents of uncertain duration.

Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements.

Experience frequent transition from hot to cold and from humid to dry atmospheres.

Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature and perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400 degrees), humid (up to 100%) atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body cooling mechanisms.

Work in wet, icy, or muddy areas.

Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as on roof tops or from ladders.

Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injury is possible.

Face exposure to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos, toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide, acids, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalation or skin contact.

Face exposure to infectious agents as hepatitis B or HIV.

Perform complex tasks during life threatening emergencies.

Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.

Face life or death decisions during emergency conditions.

Tolerate exposure to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims.

Make rapid transitions from rest to maximal exertion without warm-up periods.

Operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, at heights, and in enclosed or confined spaces.

Use manual or power tools in the performance of duties.

Rely on senses of sight, smell, hearing and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, and make critical decisions in confused, chaotic, and potentially life threatening environments.

Wear personal protective equipment that weights approximately 70 pounds while performing the essential functions of the job.

Perform physically demanding work while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment.

Lift, carry, drag, lay lines and connect hoses while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment.

Communicate by voice or radio with other firefighters while combating fires and holding hose and nozzle and directing streams into fire area including confined spaces.

Conduct fire drills, critique drill participants on emergency procedure, and instruct groups on such procedures.

Maintain departmental equipment and structures such as cleaning and washing walls and floors, hanging and drying fire hose, cleaning equipment, and performing preventive maintenance on motorized equipment.

Learn or posses extensive knowledge of fire suppression methods, tactics, equipment, and procedures including ventilation, rescue, and salvage.

Working knowledge of city street layout, hydrant location, and major building configuration.

Knowledge of department rules and code of ethics policies.

CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test) Requirements

Stair Climb (climbing stairs while carrying an additional 25 lb simulated hose pack)

Ladder Raise and Extension (placing a ground ladder at the fire scene and extending the ladder to the roof or a window)

Hose Drag (stretching uncharged hose lines and advancing lines)

Equipment Carry (removing and carrying equipment from fire apparatus to fireground)

Forcible Entry (penetrating a locked door, breaching a wall)

Search (crawling through dark, unpredictable areas to search for a victim)

Rescue Drag (removing victim or partner from a fire building)

Ceiling Pull (locating fire and checking for fire extension)

During the entire test, the candidate must wear a 50 lb weighted vest simulating the weight of a fire fighters protective clothing and equipment.

There is a pass/fail time limit of 10 minutes and 20 seconds to complete the above listed tasks.

Requirements for the Position of Firefighter
for the City of Peru

The City of Peru Fire Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment practices on the basis of Race, Color, Sex, Religion, Creed, National Origin, Ancestry, Sexual Orientation or Political Affiliation, except when Age, Sex, or Physical Requirement constitute a bona fide occupational qualification necessary for proper and efficient administration or as provided by law. No question on this application is intended to secure information to be used for such discrimination.

This application must be filled out by the applicant only. Print in ink or type neatly, accurately and thoroughly. Attach supplements if necessary. All information will be regarded as confidential. This application shall be given every consideration, but its receipt does not imply that the applicant will be employed. Do not misstate or omit material since information made herein is subject to verification to determine your qualifications for employment.

1. Applicant must submit a properly signed and completed written application and release form. These may be obtained at Peru Fire Department Station 1, 85 W. Canal St., Peru, IN
2. Applicant must pass a Physical Agility Test and take a Written Mental Aptitude Test. These tests are generally offered once each year. If the applicant passes these tests, his or her name is then placed on the eligible list for hire, if a job opening becomes available.
3. The Board of Trustees of the Peru Firefighter's Pension and Disability Fund will screen eligible applicants. The Board will conduct interviews, check references, run license checks and do general background checks, including criminal records.
4. After screening the applicants, the Board will then submit the name or names of any applicant or applicants to the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru. The Board of Works may or may not conduct their own interviews with the selected applicants. The Board of Works will then act to hire their selection pending the results of Medical and Psychological Exams.
5. At this point, the selected applicant will then begin rigorous Medical and Psychological Exams.
6. If the applicant passes to this point, he or she must then be formally approved by the Board of Public Works, The Board of Trustees and the Indiana 1977 Police and Firefighter's Pension and Disability Fund.
7. The applicant must be a resident of Miami County, or a resident of any county which is contiguous with Miami County at the time of appointment, per Indiana Code 36-8-4-2a.
8. Any applicant that has reached his or her 40th birthday is not eligible to be hired.

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM

To applicant: We deeply appreciate your interest in our organization and assure you that we are sincerely interested in your qualifications. A clear understanding of your background and work history will aid us in considering your employment as a Firefighter. (Please print clearly or type).

PERSONAL

NAME _____ DATE _____
last first middle initial

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ____ - ____ - ____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____
(Valid drivers license required)

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED AT ABOVE ADDRESS? _____

PREVIOUS ADDRESS _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

EDUCATION

List name and address of school attended. High school diploma or equivalent required:

ELEMENTARY _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

COLLEGE _____

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

MAY WE CONTACT ABOVE SCHOOLS (please sign for approval) _____

Are there any other experience, skills, or qualifications which you feel would especially fit you for work as a Firefighter? ____ If yes, attach written explanation.

GENERAL

DO YOU USE ANY TYPE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS? _____
(If you answered yes to the above, Please attach a written explanation to this application).

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? _____

If you answered yes above, Please attach a written explanation to this application).

MILITARY SERVICE RECORD

WERE YOU IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES _____

IF YES, WHAT BRANCH? _____

DATES OF DUTY: FROM _____ TO _____ Discharge: Honorable Yes No

LIST DUTIES IN THE SERVICE INCLUDING SPECIAL TRAINING: _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES (Not former employers or relatives)

NAME AND OCCUPATION

PHONE NUMBER

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List below all present and past employment, beginning with your most recent.

MAY WE CONTACT YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYER? YES NO

PRESENT EMPLOYER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE HIRED _____ WEEKLY SALARY _____

NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ WEEKLY SALARY _____

EMPLOYED FROM: _____ TO _____

NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ WEEKLY SALARY _____

EMPLOYED FROM: _____ TO _____

NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____

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EMPLOYED FROM: _____ TO _____

NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ WEEKLY SALARY _____

EMPLOYED FROM: _____ TO _____

NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____

REASON FOR LEAVING: _____

USE THIS SPACE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

THE FACTS SET FORTH ABOVE IN MY APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF EMPLOYED, FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT PENSION. YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY INVESTIGATION OF MY PERSONAL HISTORY AND FINANCIAL AND CREDIT RECORD THROUGH ANY INVESTIGATIVE OR CREDIT AGENCIES OR BUREAUS OF YOUR CHOICE. AS PART OF MY ACCEPTANCE ON THE PERU FIRE DEPARTMENT, I AGREE TO ATTEND AND PASS ALL REQUIRED TRAINING.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE: _____

This application will be kept on file for (2) years. It is the applicants responsibility to keep it updated.

APPLICANT-Do not write below on this page
FOR EMPLOYER USE ONLY

INTERVIEW RESULTS: _____

TEST RESULTS: _____

Release of Liability

The undersigned, an applicant for the position of Probationary Firefighter with the City of Peru, hereby acknowledges receipt and notification of the Candidate Physical Ability Test known as (C-PAT) requirements as set forth by the Board of Trustees of The Peru Firefighter's Pension and Disability Fund, and further certifies that he or she is in good health and able to physically perform the C-PAT, and hereby acknowledges that the applicant, the undersigned, relieves the Board of Trustees of the Peru Firefighter's Pension and Disability Fund and the City of Peru of all liability, claims, and action whatsoever arising out of the voluntary performance of the C-PAT.

The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that he or she is physically capable of performing the C-PAT, and agrees to perform said test as a condition for his or her recommendation to the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru as administered by the Board of Trustees of the Peru Firefighter's Pension and Disability Fund.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, I AUTHORIZE YOU TO CONTACT:

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ DOCTOR _____ HOSPITAL _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____