



North Carolina Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program

Beginning 7/1/2025, to meet the eligibility requirement of “Retired Firefighter” a Volunteer or Career Firefighter must have served a minimum of 20 years of service and be certified as having received 36 hours of training on a North Carolina State Firefighters’ Association (NCSFA) roster for each of the 20 years. Participation in the North Carolina Firefighter and Rescue Squad Workers Pension Fund is not a requirement for the cancer benefit.

A nonactive firefighter retiree is eligible for the program benefits for a period no more than 10 years after the firefighter no longer meets the definition of the term Firefighter and has retired with 20 years of creditable service.

The cancer diagnosis for active Firefighters and nonactive retired Firefighters must have occurred on or after January 1, 2022. This is the original start date of the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Pilot Program benefit.