

City of Bellingham Firefighter FAQ's

- Where is the nearest NTN testing location? Please visit the NTN website <https://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/index.cfm> to find testing locations.
- Can you please verify you've received my NTN score? No, we cannot. We pull our list after the closing date. If you tested with NTN and selected Bellingham as an agency, we will receive your information.
- When do you pull scores from NTN? Because candidates test through the closing date, we work with NTN to pull scores a couple days later so we can include all candidates who tested on the final day.
- I tested with NTN two weeks ago and haven't heard anything and no one has called to schedule my Speed Interview? All applications are pulled after the closing date. Email communications will be sent out a few days later. If you have not heard anything 10 business days after the posted closing date, please call us.
- I can't find the application anywhere/How do I apply? At this time the only step is to test with NTN and select Bellingham. Candidates invited to the Oral Board interviews will be instructed on completing a City of Bellingham application at that time.
- How do I submit my proof of CPAT? CPAT information will be collected as part of the COB Application for those invited to the Oral Board interview.
- I registered to take the CPAT in January, that's ok right? No, because this is a Civil Service process the CPAT must be completed within the date range advertised. If you are testing after the advertised dates, you will be disqualified. Please refer to the job announcement for the acceptable date range.
- What score do I need on the NTN written to move on? NTN Test cutoff scores set by City of Bellingham are: Human Relations - 70%; Mechanical - 60%; Math - 70%; Reading -80%. Candidates must also achieve a combined average score of 80%.
- Who will call me, and when, to schedule the Speed Interview? Instructions for scheduling the Speed Interview will be emailed to you after scores are verified.
- Do I attend the Speed Interview in person? Usually yes, but to accommodate health guidelines related to COVID-19 Speed Interviews for the Fall 2020 recruitment will be conducted via Zoom.
- How do I schedule a specific date and time for my Speed Interview? Unfortunately, we do not take scheduling requests due to the volume of candidates. Scheduling is completed on a first come first serve bases within the scheduling system.
- I am not available for the Speed Interview dates outlined can I choose another day? We will interview on the dates advertised only. If you cannot attend, we encourage you to apply next time.
- Do I need to attend the Oral Board interview in person? Yes, all candidates who desire to participate in the Oral Board Interview will need to do so in person, in Bellingham.
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- If I arrive at 10:01am for my 10:00am interview will I be admitted? No. Late arrivals will not be admitted. We recommend you arrive 5-10 minutes early for each interview, even on Zoom.