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JOB PROFILE

Firefighter

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Public service, NGOs & security · ISCO-08 5411

Firefighters put out fires, rescue people from burning buildings and accidents, and help in other emergencies. They also teach the public how to prevent fires. The government plans to develop a National Fire Service with its own career path for firefighters.

TRAIN IN TIMOR	**No national course listed** The published list is incomplete
COURSE LENGTH	**To confirm** No published source yet
IN TIMOR	**To confirm** No demand data for Timor-Leste yet
ABROAD	**No official programme yet** Australia PEV: any job, with a job offer
PAY IN TIMOR	**US$200 / month** Average for all service & sales workers in Timor-Leste, not this job alone (Labour Force Survey 2021)

WHAT YOU DO

Respond: Answer fire alarms and calls for help; Go to car and industrial accidents; Help in other emergencies, such as bomb threats.

Fight fires: Put out fires with hand and power equipment; Use fire-fighting chemicals; Fight forest fires.

Rescue: Rescue people from burning buildings; Free people trapped at accident sites; Protect life and property.

Special risks and prevention: Stop dangerous substances from spreading after a fire or accident; Teach people how to prevent fires; Fight special fires in factories with special equipment.

Based on the ILO description of ISCO-08 unit group 5411, Firefighters.

WHERE YOU WORK

Fire stations (Public fire and civil protection services); Airports (The Suai airport plan includes a fire station); Industrial sites (The planned Betano refinery includes a fire and safety office); Forests (Forest firefighters).

The work is physically hard and dangerous. You work shifts, nights and holidays, and must be ready to move fast at any moment.

The government plans a building and equipment for the National Civil Protection Authority, a professional fire brigade, and a single emergency number for police, medical and fire services. The 2011 development plan also aimed to give the fire brigade the people and equipment it needs.

IS IT FOR ME?

You are good at: Physical fitness and strength, Staying calm in danger, Teamwork, Following safety rules, Acting fast.

You like: Helping people in trouble, Practical work, Working with machines and tools, Serving your community.

You will see accidents and injuries. You need a steady mind and a team you trust.

TRAIN FOR IT IN TIMOR-LESTE

- **No national certificate listed** · The published list of INDMO titles has no firefighting course, and that list is incomplete.
- **Training for civil protection staff** · The government plans a programme to build the skills of civil protection staff, and cooperation agreements with other countries

How firefighters are recruited and trained, who can apply, and for how long: to confirm with the National Civil Protection Authority. The directory never shows a number without a source.

WHERE IT LEADS

- **Firefighter** · Fire, rescue and emergency work
- **Fire inspector or prevention specialist** · Related jobs the ILO lists in other groups
- **Civil protection career** · A career path for civil protection and firefighters is planned

WORK ABROAD, SAFELY

- **Australia: Pacific Engagement Visa** · There is no official programme that sends Timorese firefighters abroad yet. Australia's Pacific Engagement Visa allows any occupation, but you need a job offer from an Australian employer first.

Never pay a fixer. Join only through SEFOPE, the Timor-Leste government office for work abroad. No one can sell you a place, and a real overseas job never asks you for a recruitment fee.

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