

TT Fire Service Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

Questions	Time limit	Passing score
Exam fee	Public Service Commissi...	
	Governing body	

The recruitment pipeline

- Apply on EmployTT during the advertised window -> written entrance exam (set and managed by the Public Service Commission) -> merit list -> Physical Aptitude Test (Fire Service School) -> interview (Fire Service selection committee) -> medical (Government Medical Officer) -> recruit training at the Fire Service School -> appointment on 1 year probation.
- Eligibility: T&T citizen · age 18-35 · good character (Certificate of Character) · 3 CSEC/CXC/GCE passes with English A compulsory (Grades I-II, or III after 1998).
- No question count, time limit, or pass mark is published — ranking is by order of merit, so every extra mark counts.

Math formulas that score

- Speed = distance ÷ time. Minutes to hours: divide by 60. (42 km in 35 min = $42 \div (35/60) = 72$ km/h)
- Percentage change = (difference ÷ original) × 100 — always the original.
- Reverse percentage: whole = part ÷ (percent/100). 1,800 L at 60% full -> $1,800 \div 0.6 = 3,000$ L.
- Ratio shares: total ÷ (sum of parts) × each part. 180 in 2:3:4 -> 40, 60, 80.
- Rectangle: area = $l \times w$; perimeter = $2(l + w)$. Tank volume: $l \times w \times d$; $1 \text{ m}^3 = 1,000 \text{ L}$.
- Pythagoras: $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$; memorize 3-4-5 and 6-8-10 for ladder problems.
- Mean = sum ÷ count; missing value = (mean × count) - known sum.
- Combined work: add rates ($1/a + 1/b$), then invert. Fill 2 h + fill 3 h -> $5/6$ per hour -> 1 h 12 min.

English rules examiners love

- Verb agrees with the head noun, not the nearest noun: "The list of checks is..."
- Neither/nor: verb agrees with the nearer subject.
- Fewer for countables, less for uncountables.
- Its = possessive; it's = it is. Plural possessive: recruits' lockers.
- Since + date -> present perfect ("has improved since 2020").
- Spelling traps: occurrence, maintenance, separate, necessary, flammable.
- Idioms: ear to the ground = stay informed; eleventh hour = last moment; blessing in disguise = misfortune that turns out well; extra mile = beyond duty.

T&T civics in one breath

- Independence 31 Aug 1962 (first PM: Dr. Eric Williams); Republic 1976, Republic Day 24 Sep.
- Motto: Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve; anthem opens "Forged from the love of liberty."
- Symbols: Scarlet Ibis + Cocrico (birds), Chaconia (flower), steelpan (instrument).
- Capital Port of Spain; Tobago's chief town Scarborough (Tobago House of Assembly); Pitch Lake at La Brea; highest peak El Cerro del Aripo; Parliament = Senate + House of Representatives.
- CARICOM founded by the Treaty of Chaguaramas (1973), signed in Trinidad.

Fire science quick hits

- Fire triangle: heat + fuel + oxygen — remove any one to extinguish. Water = cooling; lid/blanket = smothering (oxygen).
- Heat transfer: conduction (contact), convection (smoke rises), radiation (straight-line waves).
- Air is about 21% oxygen (78% nitrogen — the trap answer).
- Fire emergency: 990. Police: 999. TTFS = 4 divisions (Northern, Southern, Central, Tobago) under the Fire Service Act Chap. 35:50.

Official sources

- Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service / Ministry of Homeland Security — Screening of Candidates for the Position of Firefighter - Grade 1, Fire Service Division (Recruitment Advertisement, October 2025) - Requirements & Qualifications: https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/RECRUITMENT-ADVERTISMENT-2025_06_Final.pdf
- Ministry of National Security, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago — Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service (TTFS) - Division page: <https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/divisions/fire-service/>
- Ministry of Public Administration and Artificial Intelligence, Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago — Fire Fighter | Public Service Careers Portal: <https://publicservicecareers.gov.tt/node/1161>

Free practice questions for this exam: www.everyexamprep.com/exams/tt-fire-service-entrance/practice-test