



PRACTICAL SKILL: Donning SCBA

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Skill Level: Firefighter I

Objective: Don Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – 2019 Edition, NFPA 1001 4.3.1. The student will Don an SCBA using the overcoat method while verbalizing the safety check as they are performed as prescribed in the IFSTA Essentials 7th Ed. Chapter 5 within 2 minutes. The face piece must be charged with air for the time to stop. Safety checks must be performed and verbalized throughout.

Materials Needed: Complete Set of Personal Protective Equipment (includes Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) Device)

Instructions: To maintain consistency please judge the skill demonstration closely and solely by the criteria set out in this form.

Provide written feedback comments at the end of the form. Debrief the outcome with the Firefighter Candidate, letting them know what they did correctly and how they can improve. If any element is not performed correctly assign the appropriate score per skill. The minimum pass score is 80%. Once you have reviewed the outcome of the evaluation with the candidate have them sign the bottom of the document.

Once completed, the evaluation form is directed to the Evaluation Coordinator.

Students will:

- Don Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA),
- within 2 minutes

The student will use the overcoat method for donning the SCBA and must be on air for the time to stop. Safety checks must be performed/verbalized throughout.

Note: For SCBA without integrated PASS device, the time will not stop until the accessory PASS device has been enabled.

Safety: Allow several feet of space between students to prevent injuries.

Required Time: *(as specified by NFPA 1001 Standard)*
1 Minute to Don SCBA (2 minutes at orientation or pre-hire)

References: Don Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – 2019 Edition, NFPA 1001 4.3.1.

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Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Object:	Incorrect	Correct	Points
1. Check both demand valve and emergency bypass are closed	Fails to check one or both valves	Checks both valves <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	/2
2. Read cylinder pressure, open valve fully, verify bottle pressure and harness gauge match, PASS powers up	Fails to read cylinder pressure or open valve, fails to verify pressure, fails to ensure PASS powers up	Completes all steps <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	/5
3. Grasp harness and dons utilizing overcoat method	Fails to don SCBA by overcoat method	Dons SCBA by overcoat method <input type="checkbox"/>	/1
4. Fasten waist strap and tighten, tighten shoulder straps, tuck strap ends in	Fails to clip and tighten waist strap, fails to tighten shoulder straps, fails to tuck strap ends in	Completes all steps <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	/3
5. Don SCBA face piece and flash hood, negative pressure check	Fails to don SCBA face piece with negative pressure check. Fails to don flash hood properly (exposed skin)	Completes all steps <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	/3
6. Dock air supply to face piece (ensure latched)	Fails ensure air supply is latched	Completes step <input type="checkbox"/>	/1
7. Check bypass function	Fails to check bypass function	Completes step <input type="checkbox"/>	/1
8. Helmet	Helmet out of position, Chin strap out of position	Helmet in proper position, <input type="checkbox"/> Chin strap under chin and tightened <input type="checkbox"/>	/2
9. Don Gloves	Fails to don gloves, exposed skin, wristlets not used	Dons gloves, <input type="checkbox"/> no exposed skin, <input type="checkbox"/> wristlets donned properly <input type="checkbox"/>	/3
10. Buddy Check (no exposed skin)	Fails to buddy check	Buddy Check completed <input type="checkbox"/>	/1
11. Lapsed Time < two minutes	1 to 9 seconds over = 3 10+ seconds over = 1	Completes skill in less than two minutes (4) <input type="checkbox"/>	/4
Outcome: Minimum 21/26 to achieve a pass.	FAIL	PASS	/26



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Evaluating Officer Signature	Firefighter Candidate Signature
Evaluating Officer Name	