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# Applications open for new ACT Fire & Rescue recruits

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**The ACT Government's effort to attract more female firefighters is continuing with applications now open for the next ACT Fire & Rescue Recruit College.**

"Advertisements have been published online today including on the JOBS ACT website," ACT Fire & Rescue A/g Chief Officer Ron Weston said.

"The government has funded 16 places in ACT Fire & Rescue College 39 and applications will be accepted until 9:00am on Monday 18 September," he said.

"Again the government is committed to half of the 16 places available being filled by women who demonstrate their ability to meet the necessary standards to become a firefighter.

"Increasing the number of women in the ACT's fire and rescue service is part of the *ESA Women In Emergency Services Strategy*.

"ACT Fire & Rescue experienced a 500% increase in applications from women in the previous recruitment process following the delivery of a targeted marketing campaign.

"That resulted in women making up 20% of applicants in the last process. From that, four women were recruited and are now working on the frontline firefighters across Canberra. This time another eight positions will be available to women who meet the necessary standards.

"I encourage women to strongly consider a firefighting career with ACT Fire & Rescue and wish them the best of luck for the recruitment process."

For more information go to the ESA website <http://esa.act.gov.au/actfr/careers/>  
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