VETERINARIAN

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Animal Emergency Response
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Veterinarian administers medical care to ill or injured animals in a post-disaster environment. Veterinary services include triaging animals, identifying diseases and abnormal conditions, performing clinical examinations and performing surgery when necessary. During animal disease events, the Veterinarian investigates cases of animal disease, diagnoses diseases and maintains the health of animal populations or herds. The Veterinarian treats animals in one or more of the following competency areas: 1. Companion animals, including pets, service animals and assistance animals 2. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species 3. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife and zoo animals 4. Laboratory animals
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Veterinary Medical Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment 3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours and is deployable for up to 14 days 4. For Type 1 and Type 2, requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on the animal population the position will serve 5. For Type 1, requestor specifies specialty areas necessary based on incident requirements

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Is board certified in a specialty area of veterinary medicine, such as: 1. Anesthesia 2. Dentistry 3. Dermatology 4. Emergency and critical care 5. Internal medicine 6. Radiology 7. Surgery 8. Theriogenology 9. Toxicology	The Type 2 Veterinarian is a general practitioner and: 1. Investigates cases of animal disease 2. Triages ill or injured animals 3. Performs clinical examinations 4. Diagnoses animal diseases 5. Identifies abnormal conditions in animals 6. Recommends risk mitigation procedures for animal-to-animal and animal-to-human (zoonotic) disease transmission 7. Supervises animal disease control field operations 8. Monitors for the emergence and reemergence of diseases 9. Provides healthcare to animals 10. Advises on animal depopulation 11. Performs euthanasia 12. Oversees vaccination of animals 13. Advises on disease control and prevention 14. Monitors and recommends humane animal care standards 15. Supervises the Veterinary Assistant	Not Specified

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Completion of post-graduate education in a specialty area	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree	Not Specified
TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction	The NIMS Training Program defines a national baseline to guide and promote NIMS training. It provides recommendations to assist Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in developing their own training plans, tailored to their specific needs
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Two years of experience in a specialty area	Two years of experience in a clinical setting commensurate with the mission	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	1. Moderate 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 3. Maintains immunizations in accordance with current AHJ requirements	1. The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions 2. PPE is mission specific and may vary by work environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Routinely provides direct patient care in the competency area specified	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Board certification in a specialty area	State, District of Columbia, or U.S. tribal- or territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a Veterinarian	For some responses, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accreditation may be necessary

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Veterinary Medical Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Veterinary Assistant
3. FEMA, NIMS, October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019