



Position Qualification for Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services  
Animal Emergency Response

**VETERINARIAN**

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Animal Emergency Response
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Companion animals, including pets, service animals, and assistance animals</li> <li>2. Livestock, including food or fiber animals and domesticated equine species</li> <li>3. Wildlife animals, captive wildlife, and zoo animals</li> <li>4. Laboratory animals</li> </ol>
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Veterinary Medical Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days</li> <li>4. For Type 1 and Type 2, requestor specifies competency areas necessary based on the animal population the position will serve</li> <li>5. For Type 1, requestor specifies specialty areas necessary based on incident requirements</li> </ol>

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
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>Same as Type 2, PLUS: Is board certified in a specialty area of veterinary medicine, such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anesthesia</li> <li>2. Dentistry</li> <li>3. Dermatology</li> <li>4. Emergency and critical care</li> <li>5. Internal medicine</li> <li>6. Radiology</li> <li>7. Surgery</li> <li>8. Theriogenology</li> <li>9. Toxicology</li> </ol>	<p>The Type 2 Veterinarian is a general practitioner and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investigates cases of animal disease</li> <li>2. Triage ill or injured animals</li> <li>3. Performs clinical examinations</li> <li>4. Diagnoses animal diseases</li> <li>5. Identifies abnormal conditions in animals</li> <li>6. Recommends risk mitigation procedures for animal-to-animal and animal-to-human (zoonotic) disease transmission</li> <li>7. Supervises animal disease control field operations</li> <li>8. Monitors for the emergence and reemergence of diseases</li> <li>9. Provides healthcare to animals</li> <li>10. Advises on animal depopulation</li> <li>11. Performs euthanasia</li> <li>12. Oversees vaccination of animals</li> <li>13. Advises on disease control and prevention</li> <li>14. Monitors and recommends humane animal care standards</li> <li>15. Supervises the Veterinary Assistant</li> </ol>	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Completion of post-graduate education in a specialty area	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree	Not Specified
<b>TRAINING</b>	Same as Type 2	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	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
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Same as Type 2	1. Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 3. Keeps immunizations up to date and commensurate with mission	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.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Same as Type 2	Routinely provides direct patient care in the competency area specified	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	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.



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## NOTES

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

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Veterinary Medical Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Veterinary Assistant
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017