



Position Qualification for Operational Coordination
Emergency Management

MEDICAL UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Emergency Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Medical Unit Leader coordinates the medical needs of the incident, it does not provide medical treatment.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs 3. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

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	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	<p>The Medical Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensures occupational health of all incident personnel, including planning for and coordinating incident emergency response. Incident emergency response often involves Medical Unit Leader coordination of patient evacuations/extractions from remote areas requiring good knowledge of available resources and their capability 2. Reports to the Logistics Section Chief or the Safety Officer and works in the Logistics functional area 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 	Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.
EXPERIENCE	Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Medical Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Performs duties under light circumstances	The NQS Guide defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or equivalent	Not Specified



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NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, Position Task Book for Medical Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2019