

FOOD UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Logistics and Transportation
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Food Unit Leader oversees unit staff who determine the food and hydration needs of personnel assigned to the incident and plan menus, order food, provide cooking facilities, cook, serve food, maintain food service areas and manage food security and safety.
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource. 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment. 3. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs.

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 Food Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Logistics Section 2. Configures unit with personnel to support operations 3. Manages the Food Unit for emergency response, disaster response and relief personnel 4. Coordinates feeding of response personnel using field kitchens, contracted catering and other available resources 5. Determines feeding needs at all incident facilities; responsibilities include menu plans, facilities for food preparation and serving, potable water and maintenance of food service areas 6. Ensures staff take appropriate health and safety measures during food preparation and service 7. Keeps inventory of food and monitors food orders 	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: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 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 6. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 	The National Incident Management System (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.

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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Food Unit Leader, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Experience in feeding, or organizing the feeding of, large groups (three meals per day for 50 to 250 persons) for multiple days 3. Experience in developing, coordinating and evaluating integrated and comprehensive plans for food preparation, as well as coordinating the feeding of large groups 4. Experience in incident management in a subordinate position	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Light	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every five years	A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



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NOTES

1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
2. Additional training on this position is available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group at <https://www.nwcg.gov/positions>.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Food 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, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published