



FOOD UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Logistics and Transportation
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Food Unit Leader manages the Food Unit for emergency response and disaster response and relief personnel
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 Food Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manages the Food Unit for emergency response and disaster response and relief personnel 2. Coordinates feeding of response personnel through the use of field kitchens, contracted catering, and other available resources 3. Determines feeding needs at all incident facilities, including menu plans, facilities for food preparation and serving, potable water, and maintenance of the food service areas 4. Ensures staff take appropriate health and safety measures during food preparation and service 5. Keeps inventory of food and monitors food orders 6. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Logistics Section 7. Configures unit with personnel to support operations 	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 	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
EXPERIENCE	1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Food Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Experience feeding, or organizing feeding, for large groups (three meals per day for 50 to 250 persons) for multiple days 3. Experience developing, coordinating, and evaluating integrated and comprehensive plans for food preparation and coordination of feeding for large groups of persons 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 during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified



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NOTES

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

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, National Response Framework, June 2016