



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

MEDICAL OFFICER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Medical and Public Health
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Medical Officer is a practitioner licensed to diagnose and treat a range of health problems
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Emergency Care Task Force, Behavioral Health Community Services Team). 2. 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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: The NIMS Type 1 Medical Officer is a board-certified medical or surgical specialist and has specialized training to treat and manage specific injuries, illnesses, and exposures for patients of all ages in a variety of clinical settings, including those with special needs and special patient populations	Same as Type 3, PLUS: The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 Medical Officer is a physician and has primary responsibility and authority over all aspects of patient care through the study, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, injury, and other physical and mental conditions	The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 3 Medical Officer is a physician assistant or nurse practitioner licensed to diagnose and treat a range of health problems and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works either independently or in collaboration with a physician or other licensed independent practitioners 2. Promotes health, disease prevention, and comprehensive health care 3. Provides clinical assessment and treatment 4. Prescribes medications and other therapeutic interventions 5. Orders, performs, and interprets diagnostic tests 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Completion of post-graduate education in health/medical or surgical residency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Graduate of an accredited medical or osteopathic school 2. Completion of an accredited residency program or post-graduate year three and above 	Graduate of an accredited nurse practitioner program or physician assistant program	Not Specified



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TRAINING	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	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 5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness 6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection 7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Three additional years of experience in a clinical practice setting such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	Same as Type 3	Two years of experience in a clinical practice setting such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1. Moderate 2. Is able to work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) 3. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's immunization recommendations for emergency responders	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 working environment, including protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposures, eye and hearing protection, respirators, gloves, and masks.



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CURRENCY	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1. Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years 2. Currently practices in a healthcare setting, such as a hospital, health system, agency, or service commensurate with the mission assignment 3. Immunizations up-to-date and commensurate with mission assignment 4. Background checks as applicable law permits or requires	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Board certification in health/medical or surgical specialty	1. State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as an allopathic or osteopathic physician without restrictions 2. Current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration as this position may prescribe or administer medications commensurate with the mission assignment	1. State, the District of Columbia, or US territory-granted active status of legal authority to function as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner without restrictions 2. Current Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration, if the state of primary registration grants prescriptive privileges 3. Active National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) certification (physician assistant only)	Not Specified



NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Emergency Care Task Force
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Behavioral Health Community Services Team
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS), November 2017
5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted