



Position Qualification for Operational Coordination
Incident Management

LOGISTICS SECTION CHIEF (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Logistics Section Chief oversees the provision of all the incident’s support needs—such as ordering resources and providing facilities, transportation, supplies, equipment maintenance, equipment fuel, communications and food and medical services—for incident personnel.
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 (Incident Management Team). 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	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Develops and implements a transition plan based on escalating incident complexity	The Logistics Section Chief: 1.Establishes or transitions into the Logistics Section 2.Supervises and configures the section with branches and units to support operations, as necessary 3.Manages logistical needs 4.Provides facilities, services, personnel and materials in support of the incident 5.Advises the Incident Commander (IC) on all matters related to logistics planning, facilities, communications and the ordering, receipt, storage, transport and onward	No Type 4	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	No Type 4	Not Specified



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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
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. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents 4. ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff - Complex Incidents 5. IS-700: Incident Management System, An Introduction 6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 7. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 8. E/L 0967: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Logistics Section Chief, or equivalent 9. United States Fire Administration (USFA) O0305: Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Introduction, or equivalent	Not Applicable	1. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives. 2. The 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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EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1.Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Type 1 Logistics Section Chief, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2.Satisfactory performance as a NIMS Type 2 Logistics Section Chief documentation 2. Satisfactory performance as a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 2 Logistics Section Chief	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 2 Logistics Section Chief, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2. Satisfactory performance as a NIMS Type 3 Logistics Section Chief	1. Successful completion of the NQS PTB for the NIMS Type 3 Logistics Section Chief, or equivalent AHJ documentation 2.Experience in incident management in a subordinate position	No Type 4	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Light	No Type 4	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every five years	Same as Type 3	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every five years	Not Applicable	A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Applicable	Not Specified



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NOTES

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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Incident Management Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Incident Commander
3. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Logistics Section Chief, latest edition adopted
4. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
5. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
6. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
7. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
8. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published
9. United States Fire Administration (USFA), O-0305: All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Introduction, latest edition published