



COST UNIT LEADER (NQS)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Incident Management
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Cost Unit Leader collects, records, and develops recommendations related to the incident costs
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 Cost Unit Leader:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collects and records all cost data 2. Maintains cumulative incident cost records 3. Performs cost-effectiveness analyses 4. Provides cost estimates and cost-saving recommendations for the incident 5. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Finance/Administration Section 6. 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. IS-2900: National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview 7. E/L 0975: Finance/Administration Unit Leader, or equivalent 8. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface 	Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.
EXPERIENCE	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Financial management concepts and principles</p> <p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Cost Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation 2. Experience in emergency management in a finance-related position 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Light	The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.



Position Qualification for Operational Coordination
Incident Management

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
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 component.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Cost 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