



Position Qualification for Fire Management and Suppression
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WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Fire/Hazardous Materials
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Wildland Firefighter is a member of a wildland fire suppression crew
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 National Incident Management System (NIMS) typed team 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 requirements

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	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	A NIMS Type 1 Wildland Firefighter is a member of a wildland fire suppression crew and has some supervisory skills	A NIMS Type 2 Wildland Firefighter is a member of a wildland fire suppression crew and works under general supervision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A NIMS Type 1 Wildland Firefighter is equivalent to a National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Wildland Firefighter 1 2. A NIMS Type 2 Wildland Firefighter is equivalent to a NWCG Wildland Firefighter 2
EDUCATION	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified
TRAINING	Same as Type 2, PLUS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training in accordance NFA 1051: Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications, Wildland Firefighter 2 or NWCG 310-1 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, Firefighter 1, or equivalent 2. S-131, Firefighter Type 1 	Completion of the following: <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. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Training in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1051: Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications, Wildland Firefighter 1 or NWCG 310-1 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, Firefighter 2, or equivalent 6. L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service 7. RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) 8. S-130, Firefighter Training 9. S-190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior 	Per NIMS compliance at the time of publication, Incident Command System (ICS)- and Independent Study (IS)- training courses are listed. Equivalent courses must meet the NIMS National Standard Curriculum



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EXPERIENCE	<p>Same as Type 2, PLUS:</p> <p>KSAs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of incident and task information necessary to carry out assignments 2. Knowledge of fire behavior in both wildland and improved properties and the effects of fuel modification to reduce hazards 3. Knowledge of basic hydraulics, pump and water delivery system capabilities, operation of pumps, chainsaw operation, and basic drafting and associated equipment <p>Experience:</p> <p>Two years of relevant NIMS-credentialed Type 2 Wildland Firefighter experience</p>	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Knowledge of fire line safety and personal protective equipment 2. Knowledge of basic wildland fire safety, fire behavior, and suppression methods 3. Knowledge of fire line construction and fire line improvement techniques and standards 4. Knowledge of wildland fire behavior, wildland fuel removal, structure protection methods, and equipment and personnel capabilities 	Not Specified
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Maintains Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-determined physical fitness standards suitable for the environment and typing; the NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments meets or exceeds this physical fitness standard 3. Able to work while wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions 2. PPE is mission-specific and may vary by work environment. It includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves, and masks
CURRENCY	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, participation in exercise, drill, or simulation once every five years	Completes all necessary refresher trainings, exams for training courses listed above, and the annual work capacity tests	Not Specified
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	<p>Certification:</p> <p>Same as Type 2, PLUS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NWCG Incident Qualification Card for Wildland Firefighter 1, or equivalent 	<p>Certification:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AHJ certification equivalent to NFPA 1051: Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications or NWCG 310-1: NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications 2. NWCG Incident Qualification Card for Wildland Firefighter 2, or equivalent 	The AHJ determines recertification requirements, if any



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

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Hand Crew
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Engine – Fire (Pumper)
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
6. NFPA 1051: Standard for Wildland Firefighting Personnel Professional Qualifications, 2020
7. NFPA 1582: Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, 2022
8. NWCG 310-1 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, October 2021