



# FEMA

POSITION TASK BOOK FOR THE POSITION OF  
**ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
(EHP) HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST**

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Check the appropriate position type:

☐ Single Type    ☐ Type 1    ☐ Type 2    ☐ Type 3

<b>POSITION TASK BOOK ASSIGNED TO:</b>
TRAINEE'S NAME:
DUTY STATION:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL:
<b>POSITION TASK BOOK INITIATED BY:</b>
OFFICIAL'S NAME:
TITLE:
DUTY STATION:
PHONE NUMBER:
EMAIL:
<b>POSITION TASK BOOK WAS INITIATED:</b>
LOCATION:
DATE:

## Evaluator Verification

*(Do not complete this form unless you are recommending the trainee for all-hazards certification.)*

### FINAL EVALUATOR VERIFICATION

I verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has successfully completed all tasks as a trainee and should therefore be considered for certification in this position. I also verify that all tasks are documented with appropriate initials.

FINAL EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S PRINTED NAME:

TITLE:

DUTY STATION:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

## Documentation of Agency Certification

### DOCUMENTATION OF AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has successfully met all of the criteria set out in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Job Title/Position Qualifications document for the position and will hereby receive certification of his/her qualification.

OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

OFFICIAL'S NAME:

TITLE:

DUTY STATION:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

## Position Task Book Overview

The Position Task Book (PTB) documents the performance criteria a trainee must meet to be certified for a position within the National Qualification System (NQS). The performance criteria are associated with core NQS competencies, behaviors and tasks.

**A trainee may not work on multiple position type PTBs for a specific position at the same time; for example, a trainee may not simultaneously work on a Type 1 Incident Commander PTB and a Type 2 Incident Commander PTB. If a position has multiple types, the trainee must, in most cases, qualify at the lowest type before pursuing the next higher type. For example, before seeking qualification for a Type 1 position, an individual must first qualify at the Type 3 level and then at the Type 2 level.**

### *Evaluation Process*

- Evaluators observe and review a trainee's completion of PTB tasks, initialing and dating each successfully completed task in the PTB.
- Evaluators complete an Evaluation Record Form after each evaluation period by documenting the trainee's performance.
- The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) may not have enough resources to ensure that every evaluator is qualified in the position being assessed. Therefore, a trainee's supervisor may evaluate the completion of PTB tasks. For example, a Logistics Section Chief has the authority to sign off on completed PTB tasks for a Food Unit Leader trainee.
- The final evaluator is a leader who verifies that a trainee has completed the PTB and met all requirements for the position. A final evaluator is generally qualified in the same position for which the trainee is applying. When possible, the evaluator and the final evaluator should not be the same person, but in situations with limited resources, the evaluator can also serve as the final evaluator.
- Once the final evaluator has completed the Final Evaluator Verification, he/she forwards it to the Qualifications Review Board (QRB) along with supporting evidence that the trainee has completed all position requirements.
- After the QRB review, the AHJ completes the Documentation of Agency Certification form as appropriate.

### *Transferring Qualifications*

- Personnel who have documentation of previous education, training or significant on-the-job incident experience may receive credit toward qualification for a given position. Each AHJ establishes the requirements for transferring qualifications from another AHJ.
- If an AHJ chooses not to accept a trainee's existing certification of qualification, the trainee may be reevaluated in the specific position and issued a new PTB.
- An individual may hold multiple certifications of qualification (that is, the Final Evaluator Verification form and the Documentation of Agency Certification form) along with the completed PTB.

## Position Task Book Competencies, Behaviors and Tasks

**The PTB sets minimum criteria for certification for a position. The AHJ has the authority to add content to the baseline PTB competencies, behaviors and tasks as necessary.**

The PTB covers all type levels for a given position, but an AHJ may check only one “Type” box and work on only one type at a time. (The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Job Title/Position Qualifications document describes all types.)

**Command and General Staff job titles/positions qualifications are typed based on incident complexity, while all other NIMS positions are typed based on the minimum qualifications.**

### *Definitions*

**Competency:** An observable, measurable pattern of knowledge, skills, abilities and other characteristics an individual needs to perform an activity and its associated tasks. A competency specifies the skillset a person needs to possess to complete the tasks successfully.

**Behavior:** An observable work activity or a group of similar tasks necessary to perform the activity.

**Task:** A specific, demonstrable action necessary for successful performance in a position. Trainees must demonstrate completion of required tasks.

- Occasionally, PTB tasks are unique to one of the types; for example, certain tasks apply only to a Type 3 Incident Commander, not to a Type 2 or Type 1 Incident Commander. In those cases, the PTB indicates the corresponding type at the beginning of the task.
- All tasks require evaluation. Bullet statements within a task are only examples and do not need to be performed to have a task signed off.

### *PTB Task Codes*

For each of the tasks listed in the Position Task Book (PTB), there are one or more codes describing the circumstances in which the trainee can perform tasks related to the position. If a task has multiple codes listed, it means the evaluator can assess the trainee on any of those circumstances as opposed to evaluating the trainee on all of the listed codes.

**Code C:** Task performed in training or classroom setting, including seminars and workshops.

**Code E:** Task performed on a full-scale exercise with equipment deployment under the Incident Command System (ICS).

**Code F:** Task performed during a functional exercise managed under the ICS.

**Code I:** Task performed on an incident or event managed under ICS. Examples of incidents and events that may employ ICS include but are not limited to an oil spill, search and rescue, hazardous material response, fire and emergency or non-emergency (planned or unplanned) events.

**Code J:** Task performed as part of day-to-day job duties.

**Code T:** Task performed during a tabletop exercise.

**Code R:** Task performed very rarely and required only if applicable to the event. *Note:* Assignment of Code R is not recommended. However, AHJs may add at their discretion to tasks added to NQS PTBs.

## How to Complete the Evaluation Record Form

Each Evaluation Record Form (see next page) covers one evaluation period. Evaluation periods may involve incidents, classroom simulations or daily duties, depending on what the PTB recommends. The AHJ determines the number of evaluations required for position qualification and certification. If evaluators need additional evaluation periods, they can copy pages from a blank PTB and attach them to the PTB in question.

### Complete these items AT THE START of the evaluation period:

***Evaluation Record Number:*** Label each evaluation record with a number to identify the incident(s), exercise(s) or event(s) during which the trainee completed the PTB tasks. The evaluator should also write this number in the PTB column labeled “Evaluation Record #” for each task performed satisfactorily. This number enables reviewers of the completed PTB to ascertain the evaluators’ qualifications before signing off on the PTB.

***Evaluator’s name; Incident/office title and agency:*** List the name of the evaluator, his/her incident position or office title and the evaluator’s home agency.

***Evaluator’s home jurisdiction address and phone:*** List evaluator’s home jurisdiction address and phone number.

***Name and location of incident or simulation/exercise:*** Identify the name (if applicable) and location where the trainee performed the tasks.

***Incident kind:*** Enter the kind of incident (such as hazmat, law enforcement, wildland fire, structural fire, search and rescue, flood or tornado).

### Complete these items AT THE END of the evaluation period:

***Number and kind of resources:*** Enter the number of resources assigned to the incident and their kind (such as team, personnel and equipment) pertinent to the trainee’s PTB.

***Evaluation period:*** Enter inclusive dates of trainee evaluation. This time span may cover several small, similar incidents.

***Position type:*** Enter position type (such as Type 3, Type 2, Type 1 or Single Type).

***Recommendation:*** Check the appropriate line and make comments below regarding the trainee’s future development needs.

***Additional recommendations/comments:*** Provide additional recommendations and comments about trainee, as necessary.

***Date:*** List the current date.

***Evaluator’s initials:*** Initial here to authenticate your recommendations and to allow for comparison with initials in the PTB.

***Evaluator’s relevant qualification:*** List your certification relevant to the trainee position you supervised.

## Evaluation Record Form

<b>TRAINEE NAME:</b>
<b>TRAINEE POSITION:</b>
<b>Evaluation Record Number:</b>
<b>Evaluator's name:</b>
<b>Incident/office title and agency:</b>
<b>Evaluator's home jurisdiction address and phone:</b>
<b>Name and location of incident or simulation/exercise:</b>
<b>Incident kind:</b>
<b>Number and kind of resources:</b>
<b>Evaluation period:</b>
<b>Position type:</b>
<b>Recommendation:</b> The above named trainee performed the initialed and dated tasks under my supervision. I recommend the following for this trainee's further development: <input type="checkbox"/> The trainee has successfully performed all required tasks for the position. The AHJ should consider the individual for certification. <input type="checkbox"/> The trainee could not complete certain tasks or needs additional guidance. See comments below. <input type="checkbox"/> Not all tasks were evaluated on this assignment. An additional assignment is needed to complete the evaluation. <input type="checkbox"/> The trainee is severely deficient in the performance of tasks and needs further training prior to additional assignment(s) as a trainee for this position.
<b>Additional recommendations/comments:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Evaluator's initials:</b>
<b>Evaluator's relevant qualification:</b>

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION (EHP) HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPECIALIST

### 1. Competency: Ensure completion of assigned actions to meet identified objectives

*Description:* Identify, analyze, and apply relevant situational information and evaluate actions to complete assignments safely and meet identified objectives. Complete actions within established time frame.

#### 1a. Behavior: Identify, collect, and manage data about potential damage to historic properties and support compliance with applicable local, state, tribal, and territorial requirements

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>1.</b> Identify damaged historic properties impacted and document them in a preliminary damage assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document locations of previously identified historic buildings, structures, sites, objects and districts using maps, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) coordinates, etc.</li> <li>• Assess extent of damage to previously identified and potential historic properties</li> <li>• Identify technical assistance needed to further assess the extent of damage to historic properties</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>2.</b> Support and participate in damage scoping and recovery meetings for damaged historic properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide technical support for application of local, state, tribal, and territorial historic preservation laws, regulations, and policies</li> <li>• Describe actions that trigger historic preservation consultations with local, state, tribal, and territorial agencies and other consulting parties</li> <li>• Present basic requirements and responsibilities of applicable local, state, tribal, and territorial historic preservation compliance requirements laws, and regulations.</li> <li>• Provide meeting minutes as documentation and as a checklist for follow-up actions</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>3.</b> Assess the potential impacts of proposed projects involving identified historic properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publish notices on the process</li> <li>• Keep complete records of entire process</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>4.</b> Consolidate and organize documents, and file them into the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-identified historic preservation compliance disaster record: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete all historic property documentation such as site forms, maps, drawings, artifact analyses, and consultations in accordance with local, state, tribal, and territorial requirements</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

#### 1b. Behavior: Make compliance determinations for any local, state, tribal, and territorial historic preservation compliance requirements

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>5.</b> Complete historic preservation reviews to assess the presence of historic properties and potential impact of proposed projects on identified properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify historic properties within the area of potential effect</li> <li>● Evaluate historic significance of identified properties</li> <li>● Assess the effects of proposed local, state, tribal, and territorial proposed project on historic properties</li> <li>● Convey the results of identification and evaluation and assessment of effective technical reports to authorized organizational personnel</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>6.</b> Carry out consultation, with adequate documentation, per local, state, tribal, and territorial law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Identify parties with an interest in the proposed project, including other agencies, organizations, and members of the public</li> <li>● Draft consultation letters to relevant resource agencies, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local historic preservation commission</li> <li>○ State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)</li> <li>○ Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Document, organize, and file responses to consultation letters</li> <li>● Deliver scope of work and project location</li> <li>● Note potential impacts</li> <li>● Use photos and reference maps</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

**1c. Behavior: Provide advice about historic preservation compliance considerations to the incident management organization and external stakeholders**

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
<b>7.</b> Support the development and delivery of technical assistance for historic preservation compliance considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop a historic preservation compliance review checklist for the review team to use in documenting the review process</li> <li>● Document the review process</li> <li>● Coordinate and integrate floodplain and environmental reviews</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		



<b>8.</b> Communicate historic preservation information, data and guidance in a precise and timely manner to help solve problems, answer questions, and inform others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Respond to inquiries from within the organization and from external stakeholders</li> <li>● Participate in status updates and leadership meetings</li> <li>● Inform planning and resource decisions with assessment results</li> <li>● Provide advice and guidance regarding additional resources to assist impacted communities with implementation of appropriate salvage and stabilization measures of damaged library, archival, and museum collections, and family heirlooms</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		
<b>9.</b> Ensure that historic preservation review process meets AHJ compliance requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Perform literature review of respected resources to provide a context for the evaluation of cultural resources</li> <li>● Perform field reconnaissance of damaged area and provide technical information about area of potential effect</li> <li>● Provide advice on mitigation tactics that help preserve cultural and historic resources</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		

***1d. Behavior: Synthesize information using computer applications of official record***

<b>TASK</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>EVALUATION RECORD #</b>	<b>EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE</b>
<b>10.</b> Integrate historic property data into reports, documents, and other products: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use local, state, tribal, and territorial systems of record to document all needed elements of the compliance process</li> </ul>	E, F, I, J		