



## NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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NWCG Memorandum 24-005

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TO: NWCG Executive Board Members

FROM: Aitor Bidaburu, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

SUBJECT: 2024 Updates to the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

**Purpose:** The following changes were requested by positions stewards and approved by the Incident Position and Standards Committee (IPSC). Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

**Issue/Action:** The following changes were made to the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications*, PMS 310-1.

### **Logistics Service Branch Director – SVBD**

- Position Archived ([IPSC-2023-08](#))

### **Logistics Support Branch Director – SUBD**

- Position Archived ([IPSC-2023-08](#))

### **Unmanned Aircraft System Pilot – UASP**

- New Position Task Book, PMS 311-78 ([IPSC-2023-11](#))

### **Incident Commander Type 4 – ICT4**

- ICT4 maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF

### **Safety Officer, Line – SOFR**

- SOFR maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF

NWCG standards are interagency by design; however, the decision to adopt and utilize them is made independently by the individual member agencies and communicated through their respective directives systems.

### **Strike Team Leader including (STCR, STEN, STEQ)**

- STCR maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF
- STEN maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF
- STEQ maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF

### **Task Force Leader – TFLD**

- TFLD maintains currency for these positions – Add SOFF

### **Single Resource Boss including (CRWB, ENGB, FELB, FIRB, HEQB)**

- These positions maintain currency for CRWB – Add SOFF
- These positions maintain currency for ENGB – Add SOFF
- These positions maintain currency for FELB – Add SOFF
- These positions maintain currency for FIRB – Add SOFF
- These positions maintain currency for HEQB – Add SOFF

### **Base/Camp Manager – BCMG**

- These positions maintain currency for BCMG – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Communication Unit Leader – COML**

- COML maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD

### **Equipment Manager – EQPM**

- These positions maintain currency for EQPM – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Facilities Unit Leader – FACL**

- These positions maintain currency for FACL – Remove SVBD, SUBD
- FACL maintains currency for these positions – Remove SUBD

### **Food Unit Leader – FDUL**

- FDUL maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD

### **Ground Support Unit Leader – GSUL**

- These positions maintain currency for GSUL – Remove SVBD, SUBD

- GSUL maintains currency for these positions – Remove SUBD

### **Logistic Section Chief Complex – LSCC**

- Banner for LSCC

**\*\*\*S-420, Command and General Staff OR L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff OR O-305, Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team, AND ICS-400, Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff, must be completed before initiating the NWCG Logistics Section Chief Complex (LSCC) Position Task Book, PMS 311-133.**

- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form
- These positions maintain currency for LSCC – Remove SVBD, SUBD
- LSCC maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Logistics Section Chief Type 1 – LSC1**

- These positions maintain currency for LSC1 – Remove SVBD, SUBD
- LSC1 maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Logistics Section Chief Type 3 – LSC3**

- These positions maintain currency for LSC3 – Remove SVBD, SUBD
- LSC3 maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Medical Unit Leader – MEDL**

- MEDL maintains currency for these positions – Remove SVBD

### **Ordering Manager – ORDM**

- These positions maintain currency for ORDM – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Receiving/Distribution Manager – RCDM**

- These positions maintain currency for RCDM – Remove SVBD, SUBD

### **Supply Unit Leader – SPUL**

- These positions maintain currency for SPUL – Remove SVBD, SUBD
- SPUL maintains currency for these positions – Remove SUBD

### **Incident Commander Complex – ICCI**

- Banner for ICCI

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- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

### **Finance/Administration Section Chief Complex – FSCC**

- Banner for FSCC

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- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

### **Operations Section Chief Complex – OSCC**

- Banner for OSCC

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- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

### **Planning Section Chief Complex – PSCC**

- Banner for PSCC

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- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

### **Public Information Officer Complex – PIOC**

- Banner for PIOC

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- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

#### **Safety Officer Complex – SOFC**

- Banner for SOFC

**\*\*\*S-420, Command and General Staff OR L-481, Advanced Leadership for Command and General Staff OR O-305, Type 3 All-Hazards Incident Management Team, AND ICS-400, Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff, must be completed before initiating the NWCG Safety Officer Complex (SOFC) Position Task Book PMS 311-104.**

- Required Training: Add X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form

#### **Operations Branch Director – OPBD**

- Required Training:
  - RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
  - ICS-400, Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff
- Required Experience:
  - Satisfactory performance as an Operations Section Chief Complex (OSCC) or
  - Satisfactory performance as an Operations Section Chief Type 1 (OSC1) or
  - Satisfactory performance as an Operations Section Chief Type 2 (OSC2) or
  - Satisfactory performance as a Division/Group Supervisor (DIVS)
  - And Completion and Certification of NWCG Operations Branch Director Position Task Books, PMS 311-109
- These positions maintain currency for OPBD: DIVS, ICCI, ICT1, ICT2, ICT3, OSCC, OSC1, OSC2, OPS3
- OPBD maintains currency for these positions: DIVS, ICT3, OSCC, OSC1, OSC2, OPS3, STPS

#### **Incident Commander Complex – ICCI**

- ICCI maintains currency for these positions: OPBD

#### **Incident Commander Type 1 – ICT1**

- ICT1 maintains currency for these positions: OPBD

## **Prescribed Fire Burn Boss Type 2 – RXB2**

- Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills
  - Added: RX-300, Prescribed Fire Burn Boss
  - Removed:
    - RX-341, Prescribed Fire Burn Plan Preparation
    - RX-301, Prescribed Fire Implementation

## **Helicopter Coordinator – HLCO**

- Required Training:
  - Added: CRM, Agency Approved Crew Resource Management Training RT-378, Air Tactical Group Supervisor Refresher, (Triennial)
- HLCO maintains currency for these positions – Add TFLD, STEN, STCR, STEQ
- Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills
  - Added: S-271, Helicopter Crewmember S-372, Helicopter Manager S-371, Helibase Manager

## **Strike Team Leader including (STCR, STEN, STEQ)**

- These Positions Maintain Currency for STCR – Add HLCO
- These Positions Maintain Currency for STEN – Add HLCO
- These Positions Maintain Currency for STEQ – Add HLCO

## **Task Force Leader – TFLD**

- These Positions Maintain Currency for TFLD – Add HLCO

## **Aircraft Dispatcher – ACDP**

- Required Training:
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

## **Airtanker Base Manager – ATBM**

- Required Training:
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

## **Fixed Wing Base Manager – FWBM**

- Required Training:
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

### **Fixed Wing Parking Tender – FWPT**

- Required Training:
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

### **Ramp Manager – RAMP**

- Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

### **Retardant Crewmember – RTCM**

- Required Training:
  - Course Name Change: A-204, Crewed Aircraft Capabilities and Limitations

### **Safety Officer Field – SOFF**

- New position ([IPSC-2023-06](#))
- Required Training:
  - RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- Required Experience:
  - Satisfactory performance as one Strike Team Leader, including (STCR, STEQ, STEN)
  - AND Completion and Certification of NWCG Safety Officer Field (SOFF) Position Task Book (PMS 311-81)
  
  - OR
  - Satisfactory performance as an Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4)
  - AND Completion and Certification of NWCG Safety Officer Field (SOFF) Position Task Book (PMS 311-81)
- These positions maintain currency for SOFF: Add ICT4, SOFR, STCR, STEN, STEQ, TFLD
- SOFF maintains currency for these positions: Add CRWB, ENGB, FELB, FIRB, HEQB
- Other Training Which Supports Development of Knowledge and Skills
  - ICS-300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
  - L-380, Fireline Leadership
  - L-381, Incident Leadership

The position qualification requirements on the individual position pages of the NWCG Position Catalog have been updated and position qualification requirements changes are effective in the qualifications systems.

The *NWCG Wildland Fire Position Qualification Flowchart*, PMS 308 is also updated.

**Background and Coordination:** IPSC issued these changes in [IPSC-2024-01](#) and [IPSC-2024-07](#).

**Contact:** [Agency IPSC representative](#) for additional details or questions.

**Distribution:**

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