

NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #144
Creation of X-520 Course to Allow for Recording of NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form
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BACKGROUND

The NWCG Executive Board (EB) outlined the implementation plan for the transition of Command and General Staff (C&G) positions to Complex Incident Management (CIM) positions in [EB Memo 22-002](#). This plan included using the [NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form](#) (Field Evaluation) for Type 2 C&G to transition to CIM. The Field Evaluation was identified as equivalent to the *Advanced Incident Management, S-520* course, and *Complex Incident Management Course* (CIMC), which led to confusion and inconsistent entry of the Field Evaluation in agency qualification systems.

CURRENT STATUS

The CIM implementation plan allows for use of the Field Evaluation until January 1, 2025, for Type 2 C&G to transition to CIM. Agency qualification systems currently do not have a mechanism to track the difference between the Field Evaluation and S-520 course and CIMC. Additionally, the EB decided in July 2023 to ensure separation between the Field Evaluation and S-520 course and CIMC as it applies to Type 1 qualifications.

There is provision in the *NWCG Standards for Course Delivery*, PMS 901-1, for miscellaneous courses that are maintained by NWCG committees and not referenced in the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1, to be referred to as “X” courses.

RECOMMENDATION

Create a new X course in agency qualification systems titled X-520, *NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form*. The X-520 will not contain any curriculum apart from the NWCG CIM Field Evaluation Form. The X-520 designation will allow a mechanism for consistently recording completion of the Field Evaluation in agency qualification systems.

The NWCG Incident and Position Standards Committee will be the steward of the new X-520 course code.

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