

# 2023 NWCG PIO Positions and Pathways

## \*PIOC (Complex)

### 2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION\*\*

- PIO2(t) initiates PIOC taskbook, completes balance of tasks not previously completed in PIO2 taskbook
  - PIO3 initiates PIOC taskbook

## \*PIO1

### 2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

- Qualified PIO1 retains qualification
- Existing PIO1(t) continues PIO1 taskbook to completion
- Qualified PIO2 can initiate a PIO1 taskbook -or- PIOC taskbook

## \*PIO2

### 2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

- NWCG sunseted the PIO2 position in January 2023
  - Qualified PIO2 retains qualification
- Current PIO2(t) initiates PIOC taskbook if wanting to move forward, completes balance of tasks not previously completed in PIO2/PIO1 taskbook.

## PIO3

### 2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

- PIOF (qualified or trainee) becomes PIO3 (qualified or trainee.)
- PIO3(t) initiates PIO3taskbook completes balance of tasks not previously completed in PIOF taskbook.

## PIOT (Technician)

### 2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

There is no taskbook for PIOT

### 2023 REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, Type 3 (PIO3) -and- Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer (PIO1) Position Task Book (PMS 311-07) OR NWCG Public Information Officer (PIOC) taskbook.

- S520, Advanced Incident Management OR Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) OR field evaluation.



*\*For 2023 and 2024, these positions can follow the S520/CIMC/Field evaluation pathway to become a PIOC.*

*\*\*PIO1 is not a necessary step to CIM qualification. However, during the transition to Complex Incident Management (between January 2023 and April 2024), the PIO1 position will remain in the NWCG Position Catalog.*



### 2023 REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

Satisfactory performance as a Public Information Officer, Technician (PIOT) -and- Completion and Certification of NWCG Public Information Officer (PIO3) Position Task Book (PMS 311-07)

- L180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- S130, Firefighter Training
- S190, Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- ICS300, Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- ICS400, Advanced ICS
- IS800, National Response Framework, An Introduction
- RT130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR)
- S203, Introduction to Incident Information OR L952, all-hazard position public information officer.

### 2023 REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION

- ICS100, Introduction to ICS
- ICS200, Basic ICS for Initial Response
- IS700, NIMS: An Introduction
- RT130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher\*
- S110, Wildland Fire Orientation

*\*Annual refresher can be taken without completion of S130/190*