



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

Type 1 & Type 2 Position Archiving FAQ

Q: When were the pathways to Type 1 and 2 Command and General Staff (C&G) qualifications closed?

A: The pathway to attain Type 2 C&G position qualifications closed in December 2023, and the pathway to Type 1 C&G position qualifications closed in December 2024.

Q: Do I have to take S-520, Advanced Incident Management or the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC)?

A: Yes, as of January 2025, trainees with an open Complex Position Task Book (PTB) will have to complete either S-520, Advanced Incident Management or the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) to become qualified as a Complex C&G, along with any required position-specific training.

Q: What happened to X-520, NWCG Complex Incident Management (CIM) Field Evaluation Form?

A: X-520, NWCG Complex Incident Management (CIM) Field Evaluation Form was available for use until December 31, 2024, to help implement the transition to CIM for C&G positions. As of January 1, 2025 it is no longer accepted as an equivalency for S-520 or CIMC.

Q: If I have an open Type 1 or 2 PTB, what should I do?

A: Trainees with an open Type 1 or 2 PTB should transition to the corresponding Complex PTB to complete any unfinished or remaining tasks. Trainees should attach their previous Type 1 or 2 PTB to their Complex PTB to document any tasks previously completed.

Q: What happens to my Type 1 or 2 C&G qualification?

A: Type 1 and 2 C&G qualifications will be archived in the January 2026 update to the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1. They will no longer show as active in incident qualification systems (e.g., Incident Qualifications and Certification System [IQCS], Incident Qualifications System [IQS]), but will be retained in your individual training history.

Q: Can I still be ordered at a Type 1 or 2 G&G position?

A: Type 1 & 2 C&G positions are no longer an NWCG interagency standard; however, each member agency has the authority to utilize Type 1 & 2 C&G positions for agency-specific incident responses.

Q: What does archiving a position in IQCS or IQS mean?

A: The NWCG incident qualification is turned to inactive in the system to reflect the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1. All the responders' historical documentation will be saved in their incident qualification system (e.g., IQCS, IQS).

Q: What can I do in 2025 to work towards Complex C&G certification?

A: During 2025 any remaining fully qualified Type 2 C&G will be required to complete S-520 or CIMC to be granted competency as a Complex C&G, even if they previously completed a Type 1 C&G PTB (NWCG EB Memo 24-003). Responders with an open Type 1 or Type 2 C&G PTB should transition to the corresponding Complex PTB to complete any unfinished or remaining tasks.

Q: Where can I learn about the decisions related to the transition to CIM incident qualifications?

A: NWCG Executive Board Memos 23-005, 24-005, and 25-002 (<https://www.nwcg.gov/executive-board/correspondence>) provide direction outlined in these FAQ. Additional information can also be found on the Incident Workforce Development Group page (<https://www.nwcg.gov/partners/incident-workforce-development-group>).