



## National Wildfire Coordinating Group Incident and Position Standards Committee

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**Date:** 11 December 2024  
**To:** Aitor Bidaburu, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
**From:** Michael Froelich, Chair, Incident and Position Standards Committee  
**Subject:** January 2025 Updates to the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications*, PMS 310-1

The following changes have been requested by position stewards and approved by the Incident and Position Standards Committee (IPSC).

### Global Changes

*These changes will be updated throughout all affected positions in the PMS 310-1*

- Remove X-520, NWCG CIM Field Evaluation
- Replace Safety Officer Liner, SOFR with Safety Officer Type 3, SOF3

### Safety Officer, Line – SOFR

- Name updated from Safety Officer Liner, SOFR to Safety Officer Type 3, SOF3 (IPSC-2024-09)

### Fire Behavior Analyst – FBAN

- Required Training:
  - Add S-491, Intermediate National Fire Danger Rating System (IPSC-2024-08)
- Other Training which supports the development of knowledge and skills:
  - Remove S-491, Intermediate National Fire Danger Rating System
  - Add None

### Incident Commander Type 1 – ICT1

- ICT1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### Public Information Officer Type 1 – PIO1

- PIO1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### **Safety Officer Type 1 – SOF1**

- SOF1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### **Operations Section Chief Type 1 – OSC1**

- OSC1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

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

- LSC1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### **Finance/Administration Section Chief Type 1 – FSC1**

- FSC1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### **Planning Section Chief Type 1 – PSC1**

- PSC1 Qualification Requirements:
  - Add statement - The qualification pathway for this position is discontinued per NWCG direction on January, 2025. Responders with an active PTB will transition to the corresponding complex position PTB.
  - Remove Required Training and Required Experience

### **Area Commander – ACDR**

- Required Experience:
  - Replace Incident Commander Type 1 (ICT1) with Incident Commander Complex (ICCI)
  - Remove on a National Type 1 Incident Management Team

### **Area Command Aviation Coordinator – ACAC**

- Required Experience:
  - Remove on a National Type 1 Incident Management Team

### **Assistant Area Commander Logistics– ACLC**

- Required Experience:
  - Update first bullet with Satisfactory performance as an Incident Commander Complex (ICCI), or Operations Section Chief Complex (OSCC), or Planning Section Chief Complex (PSCC), or Logistics Section Chief Complex (LSCC), or Finance/Administration Section Chief Complex (FSCC)

### **Assistant Area Commander Planning– ACPC**

- Required Experience:
  - Update first bullet with Satisfactory performance as an Incident Commander Complex (ICCI), or Operations Section Chief Complex (OSCC), or Planning Section Chief Complex (PSCC), or Logistics Section Chief Complex (LSCC), or Finance/Administration Section Chief Complex (FSCC)

The position qualification requirements on the individual position pages of the [NWCG Position Catalog](#) will be updated, and position qualification requirements changes will be effective in the qualifications systems on January 24, 2025.

The PMS 308 will also be updated in January 2025.

Contact your [IPSC agency representative](#) for additional details or questions.

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