



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

National Coordination System Committee

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TO: Initial Attack Dispatchers

FROM: Sean Peterson, Chair, National Coordination System Committee (NCSC)

SUBJECT: A-200, Mishap Review Triennial Training Requirement for Initial Attack Dispatcher (IADP) Position Qualification

Purpose: This memorandum provides information on the triennial A-200 training requirement for IADPs. Please distribute this information through your agency channels.

Issue/Action: A-200, Mishap Review is an interagency aviation safety course designed to analyze mishaps and identify safety trends. Personnel in specific wildland fire and aviation roles are required to complete this training every three years (triennially). A-200 is available as a two-hour, on-demand, online training on the Interagency Aviation Training website at <https://www.iat.gov/>.

A-200 is required training for qualification in three incident positions in the *NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications*, PMS 310-1. The triennial requirement is not explicitly stated consistently across all incident positions requiring A-200. Responders should take immediate action to ensure currency of their incident position qualifications.

Per PMS 310-1, A-200 is required training for Initial Attack Dispatcher (IADP). This requirement was added in October 2021. Historical recognition may be applied to qualified responders when changes to required training are implemented. Therefore, responders qualified prior to the 2021 update are not required to complete new required training. Current trainees must complete all required training before qualification in the position. Member agencies are responsible for annually certifying responder qualifications based upon NWCG position qualification standards, including evaluating personnel for recertification in cases where position qualifications are no longer valid due to a lack of current experience.

A-200 completion is required every three years for IADP per PMS 310-1, effective October 2021.

Direction on application of A-200 requirements for IADP follows:

- Current IADPs qualified before October 2021 are not required, but are strongly encouraged, to maintain a triennial A-200 completion.
- Expired IADPs qualified before October 2021 are strongly encouraged to complete A-200 for recertification and maintain a triennial A-200 completion.
- IADP trainees initiated after October 2021 must maintain a triennial A-200 completion for qualification and certification.
- IADPs qualified after October 2021 must maintain a triennial A-200 completion to remain qualified; otherwise, they will become unqualified.

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.

A request for change will be submitted to clarify the triennial A-200 requirement across all positions in the 2027 PMS 310-1.

Contact: For additional information or questions, please contact your agency NCSC representative. Member roster is available at <https://www.nwcg.gov/committee/national-coordination-system-committee/roster>.

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