

Frequently Asked Questions on the Updated Position Task Books and PMS 310-1 June 2009

When will the new task books be required for use?

The new task books are available for use effective June 1, 2009. They will be required for anyone initiating a new task book after the release date.

When will the updated PMS 310-1 and PTBs be available?

The 2009 version of the PMS 310-1 and PTBs were posted June 1, 2009.

What if I started a prior version of a task book and it's not completed yet?

Complete the task book you have started. Task books initiated prior to May 2009 will be valid for 3 years from the date they were initiated or 3 years from the date of successful completion of the first task.

Why is this change needed?

The new edition of the PMS 310-1 and PTBs reflect the current direction the Wildland Fire Management Policy.

I'm a training officer/specialist. What will this change mean to me?

You will need to become familiar with changes to both the PMS 310-1 and the task books.

What has changed about the PMS 310-1?

Major changes are referenced in the front of the PMS 310-1. Some of them include:

- Eliminating all verbiage associated with "fire use" terminology
- Eliminating the WFU task coding
- Eliminating the Fire Use Manager 1 and 2 (FUM1/2) position code
- Establishment of the Strategic Operational Planner (SOPL) position qualifications within the Plans function (Transition Plan is posted)
- Combining the FEMO and FOBS PTBs (Transition Plan is posted)
- Establishing the two categories types of fire (i.e., wildfire and prescribed fire)

Does the implementation of the new task books in 2009 change something about the way the IQCS system works as far as inputting or reflecting my qualifications?

No; IQCS will be updated to reflect the new changes.

Where do I get the new task books and PMS 310-1?

Task books and the PMS 310-1 are available at the NWCG Publications Management System web site at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pms.htm>