

2023 NWCG PIO Positions and Pathways

PIOC (Complex)*

2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION**

PIO1(t) completes PIO1 position taskbook and required training -or- completes additional tasks in PIOC position taskbook and required training
PIO2 completes additional tasks in PIOC position taskbook and required training
PIO2(t) initiates PIOC position taskbook, completes additional tasks in PIOC position taskbook and required training
PIO3 initiates PIOC position taskbook and completes required training

PIO1*

2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

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

PIO2*

2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

NWCG sunsetted the PIO2 position in January 2023
Qualified PIO2 retains qualification
Current PIO2(t) initiates PIOC position taskbook if wanting to move forward, completes additional tasks in PIOC position taskbook and required training

PIO3

2023 PATHWAY TO QUALIFICATION

PIOF (qualified or trainee) becomes PIO3 (qualified or trainee.)
PIO3(t) initiates PIO3 position taskbook, completes additional tasks in PIO3 position taskbook and required training

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 Taskbook (PMS 311-07) OR NWCG Public Information Officer (PIOC) taskbook.

- S520, Advanced Incident Management OR Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) OR field evaluation.
- ICS400 -and- (one of the following) S420 OR L481 OR O305

**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 Taskbook (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*