



Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System  
Emergency Management

## AIR OPERATIONS BRANCH DIRECTOR

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Management
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	1. The Air Operations Branch Director maintains full operational control over air and support assets for the incident or coordinates the employment and support for air operation resources
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. This position can be ordered as a single resource</li> <li>3. Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>4. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days</li> <li>5. Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary based on incident complexity and needs</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<p>The Air Operations Branch Director:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintains full operational control over air and support assets for the incident or coordinates the employment and support for air operation resources</li> <li>2. Assesses both manned and unmanned air resource needs and ensures that unmanned aerial systems (UAS) use falls under Air Operations</li> <li>3. Maintains accountability for all responding air assets</li> <li>4. Oversees mobilization and demobilization of air resources</li> <li>5. Monitors and reports any significant air resource problems and emergencies to appropriate personnel</li> <li>6. Coordinates air resource needs and use with Federal and state liaisons</li> <li>7. Establishes or transitions into a branch under Operations Section in the Incident Command System (ICS)</li> <li>8. Supervises and configures the branch with divisions and groups as necessary</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified



COMPONENT	SINGLE TYPE	NOTES
<b>TRAINING</b>	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff – Complex Incidents</li> <li>IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>E/L 0986: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Air Support Group Supervisor</li> <li>E/L 0987: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Introduction to Air Operations</li> <li>G0191: ICS/EOC Interface</li> <li>Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness</li> <li>Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Air Operations Branch Director, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation</li> <li>Experience in an air tactical or air support position AND participation in three or more exercise activations or real-world activations with one or more operational periods</li> </ol>	Military rating (current or former) as a pilot or navigator may fulfill this recommended experience.
<b>PHYSICAL / MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Performs duties under moderate circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time	Not Specified
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Functions in this position during an operational incident, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Military experience may fulfill this recommended currency.
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified



## NOTES

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Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

## REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, Position Task Book for Air Operations Branch Director
2. FEMA, National Qualification System Guide
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4. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
5. FEMA, Emergency Responder Field Operations Guide (ER-FOG), October 2010
6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, Physical Fitness Levels, October 2016
7. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection, latest edition adopted