



Resource Typing Definition for the National Qualification System  
Emergency Management

## GROUND SUPPORT UNIT LEADER

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Emergency Management
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Ground Support Unit Leader plans, staffs, and manages the Ground Support Unit to meet the incident's needs safely
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> <li>3. The position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable up to 14 days</li> <li>4. Requestor may specify 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>	The Ground Support Unit Leader: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plans, staffs, and manages the Ground Support Unit to meet the incident's needs safely</li> <li>2. Coordinates with the Logistics Section and other sections to help meet the incident's overall objectives</li> <li>3. Manages support for out-of-service resources; transportation for personnel, supplies, food, and equipment; fueling, service, maintenance, and repair for vehicles and other ground support equipment; and development and implementation of the incident transportation plan</li> <li>4. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Logistics Section</li> <li>5. Configures unit with personnel to support operations</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified



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<b>TRAINING</b>	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents</li> <li>3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents</li> <li>4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>5. IS-703: National Incident Management System Resource Management</li> <li>6. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>7. G0191: ICS/EOC Interface</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Ground Support Unit Leader, or equivalent Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) documentation</li> <li>2. Experience in emergency management in a support staff position</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<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 five years	Not Specified
<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 Ground Support Unit Leader
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