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MEMORANDUM FOR IMCOM Wildland Fire Program Managers

SUBJECT: Interim changes to Wildland Fire Qualifications for the 2020 Fire Year in response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. Reference:

- a. Fire Management Board Memorandum Number 20-001, 21 March 2020.
 - b. Memorandum, ACSIM, DAIM-ZA, 4 SEP 02, Subject: Army Wildland Fire Policy Guidance
- 2. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide IMCOM wildland fire personnel with interim guidance for wildland fire qualifications for the 2020 Fire Year.**
- 3. Due to the current restrictions and guidance in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, IMCOM and the interagency wildland fire community recognize the challenges to complete the annual training and physical requirements to maintain position currency. IMCOM has elected to follow the referenced Fire Management Board guidance (Encl) to address these challenges. These activities include: Work Capacity Test (WCT), and RT-130 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR).**
- a. Work Capacity Tests (WCTs). If an employee took a WCT in the past 12 months, the IMCOM Incident Qualification System (IQS) / Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) account manager will input a WCT competency based on the previously attained 2019 level (light, moderate or arduous) and will include appropriate documentation in the employees training record.
 - b. RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR): If an employee completed RT-130 in the past 12 months, the IMCOM IQS/IQCS account manager will award competency based on their current expiration date identified in IQS/IQCS. The following actions are recommended In lieu of formal training:
 - i. Complete a self-study refresher utilizing the WFSTAR videos and support materials. Employees should include topics that focus on entrapment avoidance and related case studies, current issues, and other hazards and safety issues.
(<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/training-courses/rt-130/wfstar-catalog>).

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- ii. To compensate for not attending hands-on fire shelter training, employees are encouraged to watch the “New Generation Fire Shelter” video (<https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/fire-shelter-and-personal-protective-equipment-subcommittee>).
 - iii. Utilize content from the National Interagency Coordination Center’s Predicted Service Information site (<https://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/predictive.htm>)
 - iv. Utilize content from the Lesson Learned Center (<https://www.wildfirelessons.net/home>)
4. IMCOM Wildland Fire personnel that have not completed WCT or RT-130 in the past 12 months are still required to complete these activities in order to meet the interim Agency Qualifications or National Wildfire Coordinating Group standards.
5. These interim changes are effective immediately and apply to personnel records that are being maintained by IMCOM in the Army’s central IQS/IQCS account and supports IMCOM’s ability to distribute Incident Qualification Cards. Installation Garrison Commander or Wildland Fire Program Manager can impose stricter requirements as determined locally or as may be indicated in the most current Health Protection Condition (HPCON) level.
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