

Appendix B: Glossary

Acronym	Definition
AAR	After Action Report
Cal EMA	Former name of Cal OES used in the 2010 and 2014 versions of the CICCS Qualifications Guide.
CAL FIRE	The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection whose responsibilities include the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the fire protection of State responsibility lands in California.
Cal OES	<p>California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services</p> <p>The California Emergency Management Agency establishes both the Operational PEER Review and Regional PEER Review Committees, oversees the PEER Review Process, providing a statewide point of contact for CICCS, provides coordination of the CICCS Taskforce, provides coordination of CICCS between Cal EMA and the State Fire Marshal, provides coordination of CICCS with FIRESCOPE and manages publications and documents of the CICCS Program.</p>
Certification	The process whereby the State Fire Marshal’s Office confirms, through the local fire chief, Cal EMA operational area or Cal EMA region, that an individual has completed the required coursework and has obtained documented experience.
CFFJAC	California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee
CICCS	The California Incident Command Certification System. CICCS is a qualification system that meets the needs of the California Fire Service. It is a single statewide system that ensures a minimum standard is established for all personnel deployed to incidents outside of their home departments/agencies’ area of responsibility or jurisdiction. The process uses the established organization and authorities of the SFM and Cal EMA.
CICCS TF	California Incident Command Certification System Task Force
Currency	Individuals who are qualified for any CICCS position shall be required to perform that position satisfactorily at least once every five (5) years, with the exception of air operations and expanded dispatch positions which require satisfactory performance once every three (3) years to maintain currency.
De-certification	De-certification procedures are intended to ensure safe and effective individual performance in assigned ICS positions. These procedures are intended to provide supervisors and managers with a mechanism to ensure employee safety. De-certification is the process of removing or reducing an individual’s qualifications.

Equivalency	Equivalent courses have been determined by the CICCS Taskforce to meet the objectives of the referenced course. The goal of course equivalencies are to minimize redundancy of training, expedite the certification process, and avoid repetitive costs due to duplication of curriculum delivery. It is not the purpose of the equivalency matrix to dilute the intent of course curriculum. In comparative analysis, the identified equivalent course work meets or exceeds the intent of the course content identified for comparison.
FEMA	National Fire Academy and Emergency Management Institute
FIRESCOPE	Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies. A multi-agency coordination system designed to improve the capabilities of California's wildland fire protection agencies. Its purpose is to provide more efficient resource allocation and utilization, particularly in multiple or large fire situations during critical burning conditions.
FMCG	Field Managers Course Guide (NWCG)
FSTEP	Fire Service Training and Education Program
Historical Recognition	Historical Recognition is the process of providing the opportunity to individuals that possess extensive experience for a position that is newly created.
IAP	Incident Action Plan
ICS	Incident Command Systems
IMT	Incident Management Team
Instructors	Firefighters who reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries, increase firefighter safety, and improve the profession through education and training.
IQS	Incident Qualification System is the CICCS recommended system for maintaining ICS training and qualification records. ICS tracks all personnel, training, assignments, and qualifications. Incidents which issued an ICS Form 225 can be entered into IQS and the program will automatically update an individual's records.
MACS	Multi-Agency Coordination System
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NWCG	National Wildfire Coordinating Group
OA	Operational Area
Operational Area	CalEMA has 64 Operational Areas generally consisting of a single county with the exception of Los Angeles County where there are 6 Operational Areas and the Lake Tahoe Basin.
PACE V Committee	The PACE V Committee is authorized to determine that an individual meets the certification requirements for the ICS 500 and ICS 600 level positions.

Peer Review Committees	A primary responsibility of CICCIS is the Delegated Authority to CalEMA Operational Areas and Regions to oversee the certification and qualification of ICS participants.
Performance Based System	CICCIS is based on the completion of required training and demonstrated successful position performance by completing the applicable position task book on incidents, events, job activities, simulations, exercises or classroom activities.
PTB	Position Task Book
Re-certification	Confirmation through the re-issuance of an incident qualification card that an individual has regained qualifications for a specific position that was lost through a lack of current experience. A key component in the certification or re-certification process is the subjective evaluation by the appropriate agency official of an individual's capability to perform in a position.
Recommended Training	Individuals are not required to complete courses referenced under "Recommended Training" in order to be certified for an ICS position unless specific department, agency, Operational Area, or regional policy dictates that courses listed in "Recommended Training" have been elevated to "Required Training".
Region	CalEMA has 6 identified Mutual Aid Regions.
ROSS	Resource Ordering and Status System
SBFS	State Board of Fire Service
SFMO	State Fire Marshal's Office
SFT	State Fire Training
Smokey Bear	The symbol of the Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Program since 1945: Smokey's image is protected by US Federal Law and is administered by the USDA Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters and the Ad Council.
State Board of Fire Services	The CICCIS Task Force is a sub-committee of the SBFS. The SBFS plays a major role in providing a state-level focus for resolving issues affecting all facets of the California Fire Service. This board is comprised of representation from fire service labor, fire chiefs, fire districts, volunteer firefighters, city and county governments, CAL FIRE, CalEMA, and the insurance industry. The Board is chaired by the State Fire Marshal. The SBFS serves in an advisory capacity in such areas as the development of technical and professional performance standards for training fire service personnel, accreditation of curriculum, establishing policy for the certification system for the California Fire Service, and other issues of concern and importance.
State Fire Marshal	The mission of the State Fire Marshal is to protect life and property through the development and application of fire prevention engineering, education and enforcement.

State Fire Training	The SFM is responsible for the following components of the CICCS process: Provides CICCS Task Force guidance in the peer review process; Provides CICCS certificates to the Operational Area, Regional, and State-level peer review committees; establishes the CICCS Task Force for the review of the Type 1, Area Command, and unique position applications; Ensures that the membership in the CICCS Task Force Committee meets the voting member requirements as outlined in the State Fire Training Procedures Manual; Issues the CICCS certificates for all positions reviewed at the state-level, including Type 1, Area Command, and unique positions referenced elsewhere in the document.
Take-Off and Landing Coordinator (TOLC)	This ICS position is responsible for coordinating take-offs and landings of helicopters at a helibase and any helicopter movement around the helibase and reports to the Helibase Manager.