Amateur Radio Operator Credentialing Requirements and Resource Typing

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The regional Metropolitan Emergency Communications Council has developed a regional group to vet the applicants for upgrade to one of the 3 higher Radio Operator Resource Type levels.

The web address to complete the form is: <https://tinyurl.com/y69gw4rq>

The supporting documents such as IS course completion certificates need to be emailed to:

[mecccredentialing@gmail.com](mailto:mecccredentialing@gmail.com)

We are ready to process groups as the MECC wants to start using the committee.

To resolve this issue and give those EMs some idea of what our skills sets are a panel of amateur radio leadership in the KC Metro area developed a set of personnel typing requirements for amateur radio operators that follow the NIMS Resource Typing format. The main objective is to make it easy for the receiving EM office to have some sense of what a particular operator’s skills are and to provide confidence that a particular operator would be comfortable and able to complete a task or challenge that might be assigned to them. This should be considered a MINIMUM set of requirements for each classification. If a group should so choose they could add additional skills and abilities as they see fit. Each operator must have their type qualification signed off by their sponsoring organization’s leader and the designated Emergency Management official from their home jurisdiction.

These qualifications were adopted by the State of Kansas in 2012 and since then changes in the Independent Study classes have forced a review of the requirements for each type. Below are the proposed updates of the training and skill set requirements for each of the four operator types. We respectfully submit these revisions for consideration for the standard state Amateur Radio Operator qualifications.

Radio Operator IV

* Technician Class License (or higher)
* IS-100.b - Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100
* **IS-700 National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction**
* Government Issued Photo ID (Drivers License, Student ID, etc).

Radio Operator III

* All of Radio Operator IV plus the following:
* IS-200.b - **ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents**
* **IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction**
* Act as Net Control for an amateur radio net at least once.
* Emcomm Group issued ID (ARES, RACES, etc.)

Radio Operator II

* All of Radio Operator III plus the following:
* General Class License (or higher)
* Proficiency in one mode other than voice (i.e. digital, code, RTTY, ATV, etc.)
* [Introduction to Emergency Communication –](http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog) ARRL Course #: EC-001\*

Or all of the following:

* IS-120.a An Introduction to Exercises
* IS-235.c Emergency Planning
* IS-288 The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management
* IS-130 Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning
* IS-315 CERT Supplemental Training: The Incident Command System
* Operating proficiency as a Net Control
* Background check in home jurisdiction, if required
* Have a jurisdictionally (City, County, Region or State) issued Communications ID

Radio Operator I

* All of Radio Operator II plus the following:
* Hold a leadership role in an Emcomm group. This can be a board position like President, or appointment like Field Day Coordinator, Training Officer, etc.
* Have a demonstrated ability to lead and direct radio operators, demonstrated by either coordinating public service events, or creation & execution of live radio training or exercises with groups of 10-15 or more.
* [Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs-](http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog)ARRL **Course #: EC-016\***

Or

All of the following:

* IS-230.d Fundamentals of Emergency Management
* IS-240.b Leadership & Influence
* IS-241.b Decision Making & Problem Solving
* IS-242.b Effective Communications
* IS-244.b Developing and Managing Volunteers

\*If an operator has taken the ARRL classes in the old 3 class format, the first level class equals EC-001 and both the second and third level classes are equal to EC-016. EC-001 and EC-016 are no longer available from ARRL.

Link to FEMA Independent Study Classes

<https://training.fema.gov/is/>

Current FEMA Professional Development Series

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| **Course Code** | **Course Title** |
| IS-120.a | [An Introduction to Exercises](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-120.a) |
| IS-230.d | [Fundamentals of Emergency Management](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-230.d) |
| IS-235.b | [Emergency Planning](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-235.b) |
| IS-240.b | [Leadership and Influence](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-240.b) |
| IS-241.b | [Decision Making and Problem Solving](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-241.b) |
| IS-242.b | [Effective Communication](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-242.b) |
| IS-244.b | [Developing and Managing Volunteers](https://training.fema.gov/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-244.b) |

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