

2004
Exclusive Use Helicopter Position
Training & Experience Requirements

All members will meet fire qualifications as prescribed by the NWCG 310-1 and their agency manual requirements. The following chart establishes experience and training requirements for USFS, BLM, NPS, and FWS Exclusive Use Fire Helicopter Crew Positions.

POSITION ¹	MINIMUM PREREQUISITE EXPERIENCE ²	MINIMUM REQUIRED TRAINING ³	CURRENCY REQUIREMENTS
Fire Helicopter Crew Supervisor	1) One season ⁴ as an Assistant Fire Helicopter Crew Supervisor 2) ICT4 3) HEB2		RT-372 ⁵ , IAT Modules as required by agency ⁶
Assistant Fire Helicopter Crew Supervisor	1) One season as a Fire Helicopter Squad Leader 2) ICT4 3) HELB or HCWN 4) HEB2 (T)	I-200, S-200, S-215, S-230, S-234, S-260, S-270, S-290, S-371, S-372,	RT-372, IAT Modules as required by agency
Fire Helicopter Squad Leader	1) One season as a Fire Helicopter Crewmember 2) FFT1 3) ICT5	S-131, S-133, S-211, S-212, S-281,	Annual S-271 Refresher ⁷
Fire Helicopter Crewmember	1) One season as a Firefighter 2) FFT2 3) HECM Taskbook	I-100, S-130, S-190, S-271,	Annual S-271 Refresher

¹ All Exclusive Use Fire Helicopter positions require an arduous fitness rating.

² Minimum experience and qualifications required prior to performing in the Exclusive Use position. Each level must have met the experience requirements of the previous level(s).

³ Minimum training required to perform in the position. Each level must have met the training requirements of the previous level(s).

⁴ A “season” is continuous employment on a full-time wildland fire helicopter crew for a period of 90 days or more.

⁵ After completing S-372, must attend Interagency Helicopter Manager Workshop (RT-372) every two years.

⁶ Must attend IAT Modules as required by agency for Helicopter Manager.

⁷ Must receive S-271 Refresher or serve as S-271 instructor every year.

Note: Exceptions to the above position standards may be granted, on a case-by-case basis, by the BLM National Aviation Office, NPS Regional Office or FWS Regional Office, as appropriate.

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