

# Resource Typing Library Tool

## **Q: What is RTLT?**

*A: The Resource Typing Library Tool (RTLT) is an online catalogue of national resource typing definitions and job titles/position qualifications. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Integration Center (NIC) provides the RTLT to support the implementation of the National Preparedness System. Nationally typed resources support a common language for the mobilization of resources (equipment, teams, units, and personnel) prior to, during, and after major incidents. Resource users at all levels use these definitions to identify and inventory resources for capability estimation, planning, and for mobilization during mutual aid efforts. Definitions and job titles/position qualifications are easily searchable and discoverable through the RTLT.*

## **Q: Is there a cost to RTLT?**

*A: RTLT is a free online tool developed by FEMA.*

## **Q: Do I need a password to access RTLT?**

*A: No username or password is required. RTLT is a publicly accessible online at <https://rtlt.ptaccenter.org>.*

## **Q: Can the information in RTLT be downloaded?**

*A: Data from RTLT can be downloaded in PDF format or directly used by third party software applications using the available Web Services application programming interface (API). A Web Services API is included with RTLT in order for third-party systems to receive data from RTLT. If you manage or develop a third-party system and would like to utilize the RTLT Web Services API, please contact the [RTLT Help Desk](#) for more information.*

## **Q: How is the information in the RTLT categorized?**

*A: The RTLT is divided into two categories:*

- *Resource Typing Definitions for equipment, teams, and units*
- *Job Titles and Position Qualifications*

## **Q: What are Resource Typing Definitions for equipment, teams, and units?**

*A: Resource Typing Definitions are provided for equipment, teams, and units and are used to categorize, by capability, the resources requested, deployed, and used in incidents. Measurable standards identifying resource capabilities and performance levels serve as the basis for this categorization.*

**Q: What are Job Titles and Position Qualifications?**

*A: Job Titles and Position Qualifications are used in the inventorying and credentialing of personnel. Credentialing is essential to emergency responders and Whole Community partners in that it ensures and validates the identity and attributes (e.g., affiliations, skills, or privileges) of individuals or members of response teams through standards.*

**Q: How does one search within RTLT?**

*A: The RTLT has an easy-to-find and easy-to-use search box in the upper right-hand side of the screen. Simply type in a keyword associated with the resource for which you are trying to find information and click through the list of provided possibilities.*

*Resource Typing Definitions and Job Titles and Position Qualifications may be searched by the following: Name, ID, Status, Discipline, and Primary/Secondary Core Capability.*

**Q: What are the benefits of RTLT?**

*A: Nationally typed resources provide substantial value to response efforts by:*

- *Supporting a common language for the mobilization of resources (equipment, teams, units, and personnel) prior to, during, and after major incidents*
- *Providing resources to users at all levels that use these definitions to identify and inventory resources for capability estimation, planning, and for mobilization during mutual aid efforts*
- *Representing the minimum criteria for the associated category*
- *Helping to ensure that response partners have a consistent understanding of what a given resource is and what it can do*

**Q: Where can I learn more about these tools and resources?**

- *If you manage or develop a third-party system and would like to utilize the RTLT Web Services API, please contact the RTLT Help Desk at [rslt@ptaccenter.org](mailto:rslt@ptaccenter.org)*
- *For more information on NIMS, visit [www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system](http://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system)*
- *To learn more about Resource Management, visit <http://www.fema.gov/resource-management>*
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