

Exam Blueprint – Certified Critical Preparedness

Below is the exam blueprint based off the job task analysis, SME, and IFPO psychometric process to verify reliability, validity, and fairness. The tables below identify the proportion of questions from each domain and passing score that will appear on the assessment. The assessment will include the application of concepts, knowledge and comprehension, definitions, synthesis, evaluation, development of conclusions, ideas and recommendations for action based on hypothetical situations.

Domain	Percentage of Items on Test	% of exam questions	Number of Questions (100)
Emergency Management Basics	15%	15%	15
National Incident Management System	15%	15%	15
Incident Command Systems	15%	15%	15
National Preparedness Goal	15%	15%	15
National Response Framework	20%	20%	20
Critical Thinking and Decision Making	20%	20%	20
		Passing %: 80	Passing Score: 80

Emergency Management

Domain Task	Percentage
1.	Applying: The four phases of emergency management
2.	Understand: The distinction of natural and technological or man-made hazards
3.	Understand: How each level of government plays a role.
4.	Evaluate: The concept of “all-hazards” emergency management
5.	Analyze: The basic planning concepts

National Incident Management System

Domain	Percentage
1.	Analyze: How NIMS provides the structure for emergencies.
2.	Applying: The Common Operating Picture and Situational Awareness
3.	Analyzing: Communication types.
4.	Evaluate: NIMS Policy and Planning, Agreements, Standards and Training
5.	Remembering: The standardization and flexibility
6.	Applying: Managing resources
7.	Understand: The basics of communications
8.	Understand: The Essential Support Functions and their Roles

Incident Command System

Domain	Percentage
1.	Understand: The flexibility and scalability of ICS
2.	Understand: The sections, positions and job descriptions
3.	Understand: The different command structures
4.	Analyze: What command structure would be used in different events
5.	Create: Organizational Chart

National Preparedness Goal

Domain	Percentage
1.	Understand: The National Preparedness System components
2.	Analyze: The five mission areas
3.	Understand: The whole community approach
4.	Apply: The Core Capabilities and tasks
5.	Breakdown: Why these two standards are important in emergencies.
6.	Evaluate: Case Study of 2012 Paulsboro Train Derailment

7.	Understand: The Sector-Specific Agency and the players within the sector.
National Response Framework	
Domain	Percentage
1.	Understand: The purpose of the framework and relationship to NIMS
2.	Analyze: Operational Planning
3.	Analyze: The Roles and Responsibilities of every partner and/or sector
4.	Breakdown: The coordinating structures and integration
Critical Thinking and Decision Making	
Domain	Percentage
1.	Analyze: The importance of Incident Command
2.	Evaluate: Evaluate the importance of ICS and NIMS
3.	Understanding: Each of the standards
4.	Analyze: How NIMS, ICS, and NRF all coordinate with one another.
5.	Analyze: The importance of Incident Command
Government Facilities	
Domain	Percentage
1.	Understand: The Sector-Specific Agency and the players within the sector
2.	Analyze: The importance of the Information Technology Sector
3.	Applying: The disruption of a disaster in the Information Technology Sector and its effects.
4.	Analyze: The threats that could affect the sector
5.	Remembering: The secondary impacts if there is a disruption in the information technology sector.
6.	Evaluating: The Sector Specific Plans

Sample Multiple Choice Test Questions

You are working in a complex incident. There are multiple Incident Commanders representing multiple jurisdictions working together to establish incident objectives. What type of ICS structure is being used?

- A. Area Command
- B. Multiple Command
- C. Mutual Command
- D. Unified Command**

Who is the individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources?

- A. Agency Executive or Senior Official
- B. Incident Commander
- C. Operations Section Chief**
- D. Emergency Operations Center Manager

What part of the National Preparedness System are you looking at core capabilities?

- A. Identifying and Assessing Risk
- B. Validating Capabilities
- C. Estimating Capability Requirements**
- D. Building and Sustaining Capabilities