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## SECTION A: GENERAL

1. PURPOSE. This Air Force Job Qualification Standard (AFJQS) offers a framework of discrete tasks that prepare Airmen to serve in a joint environment. It focuses on "true joint organizations" that Airmen can be assigned to, such as Joint Task Forces, Combatant Command Headquarters, the Joint Staff, and other joint, interagency, intergovernmental, or multinational organizations. Due to the unique nature of the joint environment, there are inherent differences across assignments, resulting in unique command-specific requirements. This document does not focus on the granular details of each joint opportunity but takes a holistic joint perspective mapped across thirteen themes. This stand-alone product does not require an accompanying Master Training Plan (MTP) and/or Individual Training Plan (ITP). Completion of this AFJQS is not a requirement for Airmen to receive or complete a joint assignment.
2. TASK QUALIFICATION. This AFJQS is broken out into four tier groups: Common Core, Noncommissioned Officer (NCO), Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO), and Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL). All personnel will be qualified to the GO/NO GO standard for all applicable tasks corresponding to their tier group listed in this AFJQS. GO means the individual can perform the task without assistance utilizing appropriate instructions or other procedural guidance. If required training listed in SECTION B of this AFJQS is provided through on-the-job training (OJT), distance learning (DL), or web-based courses, a supervisor/trainer from that respective functional area will complete the trainer's block to document training completion. Training should be completed within a twelve-month period.

| Tier Groups | Designators |  |
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| Common Core |  | All tasks without a $*$ sequence are common core and apply to all personnel. |
| NCO | $*$ |  |
| Example: $*+$ means the task is required for NCOs, SNCOs, and SELs. $* *+$ means the task |  |  |
| is required for SNCOs and SELs |  |  |

3. ADDITIONAL DUTY or TASK. If personnel are assigned an additional duty or task not listed in this AFJQS, the supervisor will develop an AF IMT 797, Job Qualification Standard Continuation/Command JQS. The supervisor/trainer will then develop a plan for the member to receive training.
4. TRAINING DOCUMENTATION AND TRAINER/CERTIFIER IDENTIFICATION. Document training required by this AFJQS in accordance with DAFI 36-2670, Total Force Development and DAFMAN 36-2689, Training Program. All trainers and certifiers (if required) authorized to sign off tasks in SECTION B of this AFJQS will be identified in the identification block of this AFJQS and will meet the requirements outlined by Department of the Air Force and local policy. There are no tasks requiring third-party certification unless otherwise required by Air Force Specialty or local policy.
5. This AFJQS has been coordinated with HAF/A1DI and SELs across the Joint Force. Overall point of contact for this AFJQS is HAF/A1DI.

| This block is for identification purposes only |  |  |  |
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| SECTION B: JOINT AFJQS TASK LIST |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TASK NUMBER | TASKS, KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL REFERENCES | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { START } \\ \text { DATE } \end{array}$ | COMPLETE DATE | TRAINEE INITIALS | TRAINER inITIALS | CERTIFIER initials (IF REQUIRED) |
| 1. | Joint History: TR: Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components, DoDD 5100.01 (2020); White Paper: Evolution of Department of Defense Directive 5100.01 "Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components" (2010, Revised 2014); The Joint Team |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.1 | Explain the failures of the Joint Army and Navy Board during World War I *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.2 | Explain the inadequacy of the Joint Action of the Army and Navy agreement during World War II *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.3 | Explain the significance of the National Security Act of 1947 for the joint force *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.4 | Explain the significance of the Department of Defense (DoD) Reorganization Act of 1958 for the joint force *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.5 | Identify the events that led to passage of the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.6 | Explain the significance of the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 for the joint force *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.7 | Describe changes to DoD components and functions since 2010 *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.8 | Describe the significance of Change 1, September 17, 2020 to DoDD 5100.01 for the joint force *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | Strategic and Operational Guidance: TR: National Security Strategy (2022); National Defense Strategy (2022); National Military Strategy (2022); Joint Concept for Competing (2023); Joint Planning, JP 5-0 (2020); Joint Operating Environment 2035 (2016) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1 | National Security Strategy (NSS) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1.1 | Explain the United States' fundamental national interests |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1.2 | Explain the nature of the competition between democracies and autocracies |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1.3 | Explain the concept of cooperation to address shared challenges in an era of competition |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.1.4 | Explain the U.S. strategic approach to achieving a free, open, prosperous, and secure international order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2 | National Defense Strategy (NDS) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2.1 | Summarize strategic challenges in the security environment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2.2 | Identify defense priorities |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2.3 | Define integrated deterrence *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2.4 | Define campaigning *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3 | National Military Strategy (NMS) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.1 | Explain the strategic environment |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.2 | Explain the NMS Theory of Success |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.3 | Define strategic discipline *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.4 | Identify joint force tasks *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3.5 | Identify joint force strategic objectives |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.4 | Unified Command Plan (UCP) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.4.1 | Explain the purpose of the UCP *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.4.2 | Identify the Combatant Commands (CCMDs) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.4.3 | Explain physical and transregional CCMD responsibilities *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5 | Joint Concept for Competing (JCC) *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5.1 | Describe the concept of U.S. adversaries to "win without fighting" and "fight and win" *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5.2 | Explain the purpose of strategic competition *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5.3 | Identify the central idea of the JCC *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5.4 | Explain the joint force role in strategic competition *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.6 | Command Guidance *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.6 .1 | Identify the link between national strategic guidance and joint planning *+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.6.2 | Describe CCMD and/or joint organization global or transregional strategies (as applicable to assigned organization) ${ }^{* *+}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.7 | Joint Operating Environment (JOE) **+ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.7.1 | Summarize the future security environment ${ }^{* *+}$ |  |  |  |  |  |



| 5.1.1 | Identify the organizations that comprise the DoD |
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| 5.1.2 | Identify the 3 functions of the DoD |
| 5.2 | Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) |
| 5.2.1 | Identify the members of the JCS |
| 5.2.2 | Differentiate the advisory roles of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) and other JCS members *+ |
| 5.3 | Combatant Commands (CCMDs) |
| 5.3.1 | Identify the 11 CCMDs |
| 5.3.2 | Explain support relationships between combatant commanders (CCDRs) ${ }^{* *+}$ |
| 5.4 | Combat Support Agencies (CSAs) |
| 5.4.1 | Identify the 8 CSAs |
| 5.4.2 | Explain the relationship of CSAs with the CCMDs $*_{+}$ |
| 5.5 | Unified and subordinate joint commands |
| 5.5.1 | Describe a unified CCMD |
| 5.5.2 | Describe a subordinate unified command *+ |
| 5.5.3 | Describe a joint task force (JTF) |
| 5.5.4 | Identify JTF organizational options **+ |
| 5.5.5 | Explain the role of JTF component commanders (land, maritime, air, and special operations) ${ }^{* *+}$ |
| 5.5.6 | Identify the command authority for U.S. forces assigned to multinational force commands |
| 5.6 | Commander, staff, and components of a joint force |
| 5.6.1 | Identify commander responsibilities |
| 5.6.2 | Identify responsibilities of a Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) |
| 5.6 .3 | Identify common joint force staff directorates |
| 5.7 | Air Force Element (AFELM) structure |
| 5.7.1 | Identify AFELM Commander |
| 5.7.2 | Explain role of AFELM Commander *+ |
| 5.7.3 | Identify AFELM Senior Enlisted Leader (SEL) |
| 5.7.4 | Explain role of AFELM SEL *+ |
| 5.7.5 | Identify AFELM First Sergeant |
| 5.7.6 | Explain role of AFELM First Sergeant *+ |
| 5.7.7 | Identify AFELM additional duty positions and personnel (i.e., Safety Rep, Unit Fitness Program Manager) |
| 6. | Office of the Secretary of Defense: TR: Functions of the Department of Defense and its Major Components, DoDD 5100.01 (2020) |
| 6.1 | Identify the entities that comprise the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) |
| 6.2 | Explain the role of the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) |
| 6.3 | Identify the 8 functions of the SECDEF |
| 6.4 | Explain the role of the Deputy Secretary of Defense (DSD) |
| 6.5 | Identify the 5 functions of the DSD |
| 6.6 | Identify the role of Principal Staff Assistants (PSAs) in supporting the SECDEF **+ |
| 7. | Joint Staff: TR: Joint Chiefs of Staff webpage; Functions of the Department of Defense and its Major Components, DoDD 5100.01 (2020); Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities, CJCSI 1350.01A (2020); The Joint Force, JP 1, Volume 2 (2020); Joint Chiefs of Staff webpage |
| 7.1 | Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) |
| 7.1.1 | Identify the members of the JCS |
| 7.1.2 | Explain the authority of the JCS *+ |
| 7.2 | Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) |
| 7.2.1 | Explain the role of the CJCS in ensuring global military strategic and operational integration $*^{*}+$ |
| 7.2.2 | Identify the 9 CJCS functions *+ |
| 7.3 | Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (VCJCS) |






## SECTION C: RESOURCES

- Air Force Enlisted Classification Directory via myFSS
- America's Military - A Profession of Arms White Paper https://www.jes.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/concepts/cjes wp profession.pdf?ver=2017-12-28-162058-213
- Attire and Military Uniform Equivalents (2022) https://www.jes.mil/Portals/36/Attire\ and\ U.S.\ Military\ Uniform\ Equivalents\ ao\%2 0Oct\%202022.pdf
- Command and Control, AFDP 3-30 (2020) https://www.doctrine.af.mil/Portals/61/documents/AFDP 3-30/3-30-D60-C2-Appendix-ComRels-Overview.pdf
- The Command Senior Enlisted Leader https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/fp/command sel insightspaper 4thed 2021jun.pdf?ve r=kknbXR1w6kYnsDg5BpXluQ\%3D\%3D
- Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text
- Department of Defense Core Values (2009) https://diversity.defense.gov/Portals/51/Documents/Resources/Commission/docs/Issue\ Papers/Paper\%2 006\%20-\%20DOD\%20Core\%20Values.pdf
- Developing Enlisted Leaders for Tomorrow's Wars https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/education/epme tm vision digital.pdf?ver=dmj-ILYBhrr-6wq3JhdXog\%3d\%3d
- DoD Military Decorations and Awards Program, DoDI 1348.33 (2016, change effective 2021) https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/134833p.pdf?ver=FAaCOs0p8uQitht2r Rfrow\%3D\%3D
- Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components, DoDD 5100.01 (2020) https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodd/510001p.pdf?ver=2020-09-17-154337$\underline{967}$
- Interorganizational Cooperation, JP 3-08 (2016, validated 2017)
https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/new pubs/ip3 08.pdf
- Joint Chiefs of Staff webpage https://www.jes.mil/
- Joint Concept for Competing (2023) https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/jel/concepts/icc.pdf
- Joint Concept for Integrated Campaigning (2018) https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/jel/concepts/campaigning.pdf
- Joint Doctrine Library https://www.jcs.mil/Doctrine/
- Joint Electronic Library https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/index.jsp
- Joint Enlisted Development Portal https://www.jes.mil/Doctrine/Joint-Education/Joint-Enlisted-Development-Portal/
- The Joint Force, JP 1, Volume 2 (2020) https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/new pubs/jp1vol2.pdf
- Joint Forces Staff College https://ifsc.ndu.edu/
- Joint Knowledge Online https://jkodirect.jten.mil/Atlas2/page/desktop/DesktopHome.jsf
- Joint Operating Environment 2035 (2016)
https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/concepts/ioe 2035 july16.pdf?ver=2017-12-28-162059$\underline{917}$
- Joint Personnel Support, JP 1-0 (2020) https://www.jes.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/pubs/jp1 0.pdf?ver=wzWGXaj9anm9XImWKqKq8Q \%3d\%3d
- Joint Planning, JP 5-0 (2020) https://jdeis.js.mil/jdeis/index.jsp?pindex=27\&pubId=711
- Joint/Service Protocol Differences (2023) https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Joint\ Environment\ Protocol\ Differences\ a0\ Mar23.pdf
- Joint Special Operations University Enlisted Academy https://www.jsou.edu/Courses/Catalog
- JTF C2 and Organization (2020) https://ideis.js.mil/jdeis/jel/fp/jtfc2 fp2nd ed.pdf
- Joint Strategic Planning System, CJCSI 3100.01E (2021)
https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Library/Instructions/CJCSI\ 3100.01E.pdf
- The Joint Team https://www.doctrine.af.mil/Portals/61/documents/Airman Development/PurpleBook.pdf
- Joint Warfighting, JP 1, Volume 1 (2023) https://ideis.js.mil/jdeis/new pubs/ip1 vol1.pdf
- Management and Review of Campaign and Contingency Plans, CJCSI 3141.01F (2019)
https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Library/Instructions/CJCSI\ 3141.01F.pdf
- Mission Command White Paper (2012) https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Publications/missioncommandwhitepaper2012.pdf
- National Defense Strategy (2022) https://media.defense.gov/2022/Oct/27/2003103845/-1/-1/1/2022-NATIONAL-DEFENSE-STRATEGY-NPR-MDR.PDF
- National Defense University https://keystone.ndu.edu/
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- National Security Strategy (2022) https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Biden-Harris-Administrations-National-Security-Strategy-10.2022.pdf
- The Noncommissioned Officer and Petty Officer: Backbone of the Armed Forces (2014) https://www.jcs.mil/Portals/36/Documents/Doctrine/nco/NCO-Backbone.pdf
- Securing the Nation One Partnership at a Time (2018) https://www.nationalguard.mil/Portals/31/Documents/J-5/InternationalAffairs/StatePartnershipProgram/Securing-the-Nation-One-Partnership-at-a-Time.pdf
- Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities, CJCSI 1350.01A (2020)
https://jsportal.sp.pentagon.mil/sites/Matrix/DEL/JEL\ \ Unlimited/CJCSI\ 1350.01A.pdf
- Service Uniform Regulations: AR 670-1, MCO 1020.34H / PCN 10200150000, NAVPERS 15665J, AFI 362903, SPFGM 2022-36-02, COMDTINST M1020.6K
- Unified Command Plan (2022) (available on SIPR)
- U.S. Military Rank Insignia https://www.defense.gov/Resources/Insignia/
- White Paper: Evolution of Department of Defense Directive 5100.01 "Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components" (2010, revised 2014)
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