

NASDN

EVALUATOR & INSTRUCTOR STANDARDS



A. Definitions and Qualifications

A1. Qualified Observer

Sign-off Authority: **1) Task Book Skill Sets**
 2) Skills Assessment Test

Recommended to have the following experience and qualifications:

- A1.1) thorough knowledge of the Task Book, Skill Assessments and NASDN Evaluation Standards
- A1.2) obtained a minimum of one NASDN K9 certifications (highest level offered) or nationally recognized K9 certification in the specific discipline being observed.
- A1.3) participated in a minimum of two actual search operations in the specific discipline being observed. These search operations must have been performed under the authority of a bona fide law enforcement agency or governmental search authority.
- A1.4) NASDN member of good standing

A2. APPRENTICE EVALUATOR

Sign-off Authority: **1) Task Book Skill Sets**
 2) Skills Assessment Test

Shall have the following experience and qualifications:

- A2.1) thorough knowledge of the NASDN Task Book, Skill Assessments and Evaluation Standards
- A2.2) obtained a minimum of two NASDN K9 certifications (highest level offered) or nationally recognized K9 certification with the same K9 in the discipline being evaluated.
- A2.3) participated in a minimum of 4 actual search operations as a K9-team in the specific discipline being evaluated. These search operations must have been performed under the authority of a bona fide law enforcement agency or governmental search authority.
- A2.4) NASDN member of good standing (minimum of 2 years).

A3. NASDN EVALUATOR

Sign-off Authority: **1) Task Book Skill Sets**
 2) Skills Assessment Test
 3) Canine Evaluation

Shall have the following experience and qualifications:

A3.1) thorough knowledge of the NASDN Task Book, Skill Assessments and Evaluation Standards

A3.2) thorough knowledge to set up an evaluation area or Trail for the specific discipline being evaluating.

A3.3) apprenticed in a minimum of 4 individual evaluations in the specific discipline and be signed off by a current NASDN Evaluator.

A3.4) obtained a minimum of two NASDN K9 certifications (highest level offered) or nationally recognized K9 certification with the same K9 in the discipline being evaluated.

A3.5) participated in a minimum of 8 actual search operations as a K9-team in the specific discipline being evaluated. These search operations must have been performed under the authority of a bona fide law enforcement agency or governmental search authority.

A3.6) NASDN member of good standing (minimum of 2 years).

A4. INSTRUCTOR

A NASDN Instructor shall meet the requirements of a NASDN Evaluator or have documented advanced experience working in the discipline they are being asked to instruct. They should have prior experience or training as an instructor or educator.

B. Approval Process

B1. EVALUATOR

Anyone wishing to become an evaluator must submit the “Request to be a NASDN Evaluator” form and submit it to the NASDN Vice President for consideration. Documentation of experience and certifications must be included.

Once application is received, the NASDN BOD (via the Vice President) will approve/disapprove request and assign a mentor(s) to start the apprentice training. A minimum of four evaluations (per discipline) as an apprentice evaluator must be performed, as well as receiving mentor(s) endorsement, prior to being approved as a full evaluator by the NASDN BOD.

NASDN BOD will maintain a list of approved evaluators and apprentices.

B2. INSTRUCTOR

Any NASDN member can send nominations for instructors to the NASDN BOD for consideration using the “NASDN Instructor nomination” form after verifying that the individual being nominated wants to instruct for NASDN. Documentation of experience, certifications, and prior instructing must be included.

Once nomination is received, the BOD will review and approve/disapprove the request and notify the individual nominated. Additional information may be requested prior to approval.

NASDN BOD will maintain a list of approved instructors.

APPENDIX 1
REQUEST TO BECOME A NASDN EVALUATOR
(each discipline must be a separate request)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

NASDN Member # and year joined:

Other National SAR or Law Enforcement affiliations:

Current SAR team:

Discipline you want to be considered for:

Reference #1 (name/phone/email):

Reference #2 (name/phone/email):

Prior evaluation experience *in this discipline*: (agency, evaluation type, dates, role)

List K9s you have worked in SAR in all disciplines (list most current first, max of four):

NAME	BREED	DATES OPERATIONAL	DISCIPLINE(S)

Additionally, provide more in depth details for the most recent K9 (first one listed above) you have trained/deployed for SAR ***in this discipline only***

K9 name

List all certifications obtained in this discipline only (most recent first)

DATE OBTAINED	AGENCY	CERTIFICATION

List *total number* of searches deployed for in this discipline and during what periods of time (do not list every search).

Affidavit:

I certify that I have read and understand the NASDN taskbooks, skill assessment tests, evaluation standards, and evaluator/instructor standards, and will comply with the guidelines set forth in each.

I certify that all information obtained in this request is accurate and additional information and verification can be submitted if requested. I also certify that I have never been convicted of a felony and have no outstanding legal or civil actions pending against me. I agree to submit to a Federal Background Check if requested by NASDN.

Signature/date: _____

**APPENDIX 2
NASDN INSTRUCTOR NOMINATION FORM**

Your Name: _____ Your NASDN Member # _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Person you are nominating:

Discipline(s) to instruct in: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prior instruction experience in this discipline(s) _____

Current SAR or LE affiliation(s): (list all agencies, positions/duties held, dates involved, etc) _____

Attach nominee's detailed resume.

I certify that all information obtained in this request is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have obtained permission from nominee to submit this request. The nominee also understands that NASDN will contact them with requests for additional information and possible background check as needed.

Signature/date: _____

APPENDIX 3 NASDN INSTRUCTOR AFFIDAVIT

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