

### AT&L Workforce Position Category Description (PCD)

**Career Field:** Production, Quality & Manufacturing  
**Career Path:** Quality Assurance  
**Short Title:** PQM-QA  
**Category Code:** H                      **Ref:** (a) DoDD 5000.52 dtd 12 Jan 2005  
**Date Approved:** 12 Mar 2007                      (b) DoDI 5000.66 dtd 21 Dec 2005  
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**Notes:**

1. This PCD is intended to assist in determining which AT&L career field/path to assign to an AT&L position per Title 10 sec. 1721. If 50% or more of the duties and responsibilities of the position match the "General Acquisition-Related Duties" described below AND the preponderance of those duties match the "AT&L Career Field/Path Specific Duties" described below, assign the position to this position category.
2. All acquisition positions require management attention with respect to certification requirements and individual development. See reference (c).
3. Critical Acquisition Position (CAPs) are a subset of acquisition positions and Key Leadership Position (KLPs), are a subset of CAPs. Both CAPs and KLPs represent positions with responsibility and authority that are critical to the success of a program or effort. These positions require management attention with respect to Acquisition Corps membership, tenure and other specific statutory requirements. See reference (c).

**General Acquisition Related Duties:** The conceptualization, initiation, design, development, test, contracting, production, deployment, logistical support, modification, and disposal of weapons and other systems, supplies, or services (including construction) to satisfy DoD needs, intended for use in, or in support of, military missions.

**AT&L Career Field/Path Specific Duties:**

- Manages Quality Assurance (QA) processes to establish essential quality standards and controls.
- Develops, executes and evaluates policies, procedures, plans and test provisions for QA requirements throughout the various phases of the systems acquisition cycle.
- Ensures QA plans are integrated into the systems engineering process.
- Performs process and product-oriented reviews and audits to ensure compliance with QA requirements
- Provides expert support and guidance on QA-related matters to other program office and in-plant functional acquisition personnel.
- Accepts and fields Materiel for U.S. and foreign customers.

**Typical Line and Staff Position Titles:** QA Supervisor, Representative, or Staff Specialist; Mathematical Statistician, QA Engineer, Supervisory and/or Quality Engineer, Supervisory and/or General Engineer, Pharmacist, Physical Scientist, Chemist, Electronic Technician, Product Line Specialist (PLS), QA Director/ Chief (Division, Branch or Section); QA Surveillance Representative/Specialist, Engineer Technician, Entomologist, Computer Specialist, Product Auditor; Aircraft, Aerospace, Ammunition, Automotive, Chemicals, Clothing, Electronics, Materiel012195, Mechanical, Medical, Nuclear, Processes, Shipbuilding, Computer Software, or Subsistence.

**Typical Position Locations:** Acquisition organizations within the service components (i.e., Systems Commands, Materiel Commands, DRPMs, PEOs) as well as organizations/field activities directly supporting such organizations). Other DoD Components, Agencies and OSD/Service/HQ staff elements performing/supporting acquisition related functions such as DCMA, DLA and plant offices and component program offices.

**Typical Career Codes:**

Civilian Personnel			Uniformed Personnel			
OCC Series			Army AOC	Navy AQD	Air Force AFSC	Marine Corps MOS
0018	0660	15xx	51A	AHx	NONE	6002 8058 8869
0028	08xx	1910	51C			75xx 8059
0414	13xx					8057 8060

**Recommended Changes/Updates:** Forward to: Director, Learning Capabilities Integration Center (Attn: Dir, Academic Programs), Defense Acquisition University, 9820 Belvoir Road, Suite 3, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5565 or call 703-805-4090