If an ASRC member is unable to meet the COQ field training requirement due to a permanent physical disability, they may petition the ASRC to become COQ. A written request must be sent, along with a physician’s letter confirming the permanent disability and outlining all physical restrictions as they apply to search and rescue, to the ASRC Conference training Officer.

The ASRC Training Officer shall review the request, and if all other aspects of the training requirements and intent of the training requirements have been met then the individual shall be deemed COQ by the ASRC training officer.

Any individual who has been deemed COQ by the ASRC Training Officer without meeting the field requirements may not be sent on a field task.

The intent of this standard is not to decrease the operational standards but to provide opportunities for those who are physically disabled and therefore unable to meet our field qualifications but are otherwise able to meet all other requirements and are capable of being an asset at a search and rescue incident.