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## Unit 7: Additional Resources and Course Summary

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**Objectives**

At the end of this unit, the participants should be able to:

- Describe the role of the National Integration Center.
  - Identify the role of supporting technologies in NIMS implementation.
  - Take the final exam.
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**Scope**

- Unit Introduction and Objectives
  - National Integration Center
  - NIC Responsibilities
  - NIMS Resource Center
  - Taking the Exam
  - Feedback
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**Methodology**

The instructors will begin by presenting the unit objectives.

They will then explain the National Integration Center (NIC) and its responsibilities. They will present information about some of the technologies that support NIMS and the NIC.

The participants will then take the final exam and complete course evaluations.

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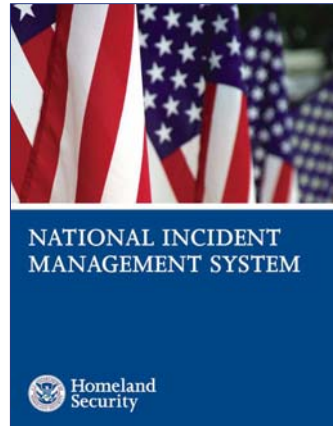
**Time Plan**

A suggested time plan for this unit is shown below. More or less time may be required, based on the experience level of the group.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Time</b>
Unit Introduction and Objectives	5 minutes
National Integration Center	10 minutes
Exam	45 minutes
<b>Total Time</b>	<b>1 hour</b>

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### Instructor Notes

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Explain that Unit 7 summarizes the course material and describes additional resources that are available. The next visual will outline the objectives for this unit.

## Unit Objectives

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- Describe the role of the National Integration Center (NIC).
- Identify the role of supporting technologies in NIMS implementation.

### Unit List

- ✓ Overview
- ✓ Understanding NIMS
- ✓ Preparedness
- ✓ Communications and Information Management
- ✓ Resource Management
- ✓ Command and Management
- ➔ Additional Resources and Course Summary

📖 See pages 75-81 of the NIMS document.



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## Instructor Notes

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This lesson presents information about the ongoing management and maintenance of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Tell the participants that at the completion of this lesson, they should be able to:

- Describe the role of the National Integration Center.
- Identify the role of supporting technologies in NIMS implementation.

This lesson summarizes the information presented in Component V: Ongoing Management and Maintenance, including:

- National Integration Center
- Supporting Technologies

Refer the participants to pages 75 through 81 of the NIMS document.

## National Integration Center (NIC)

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The National Integration Center (NIC) serves as an asset for:

- Government agencies.
- The private sector.
- Nongovernmental organizations that are implementing NIMS.



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### Instructor Notes

Remind the participants that HSPD-5 required the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a mechanism for ensuring the ongoing management and maintenance of NIMS.

Explain that the Secretary established the National Integration Center (NIC) to serve as an asset for government agencies, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations that are implementing NIMS.



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## Instructor Notes

Explain that the NIC is responsible for the following functions:

- **Administration and Compliance:** To manage ongoing administration and implementation of NIMS, including specification of compliance measures, the NIC is responsible for working toward the following:
  - Developing and maintaining a national program for NIMS education and awareness.
  - Promoting compatibility between national-level standards for NIMS and those developed by other public, private, and professional groups.
  - Facilitating the establishment and maintenance of a documentation and database system related to qualification, certification, and credentialing of emergency management/response personnel and organizations.
  - Developing assessment criteria for the various components of NIMS, as well as compliance requirements and timelines.
- **Standards and Credentialing:** The NIC will work with appropriate standards development organizations to ensure the adoption of common national standards and credentialing systems that are compatible and aligned with the implementation of NIMS. The standards apply to the identification, adoption, and development of common standards and credentialing programs.
- **Training and Exercise Support:** To lead the development of training and exercises that further appropriate agencies' and organizations' knowledge, adoption, and implementation of NIMS, the NIC will coordinate with them to do the following:
  - Facilitate the definition of general training requirements and the development of national-level training standards and course curricula associated with NIMS.
  - Facilitate the development of national standards, guidelines, and protocols for incident management training and exercises, including consideration of existing exercise and training programs at all jurisdictional levels.
  - Facilitate the development of training necessary to support the incorporation of NIMS across all jurisdictional levels.
  - Establish and maintain a repository for reports and lessons learned from actual incidents, training, and exercises, as well as for best practices, model structures, and processes for NIMS-related functions.
- **Publication Management:** Publication management for NIMS includes the development of naming and numbering conventions, the review and certification of publications, development of methods for publications control, identification of sources and suppliers for publications and related services, management of publication distribution, and assurance of product accessibility.

## NIMS Resource Center



[www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims)



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Refer the participants to the NIMS Resource Center, [www.fema.gov/nims](http://www.fema.gov/nims), for more information, additional reference materials, related training, and links to other resources.

## Taking the Exam

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### Instructions:

1. Take a few moments to review your Student Manuals and identify any questions.
  2. Make sure that you get all of your questions answered prior to beginning the final test.
  3. When taking the test . . .
    - Read each item carefully.
    - Circle your answer on the test.
    - Check your work and transfer your answers to the computer-scan (bubble) answer sheet or enter the answers online.
- You may refer to your Student Manuals and the NIMS document when completing this test.



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## Instructor Notes

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Present the following IS-700.A test instructions:

- Take a few moments to review your Student Manuals and identify any questions.
- Make sure that you get all of your questions answered prior to beginning the final test.
- When taking the test . . .
  - Read each item carefully.
  - Circle your answer on the test.
  - Check your work and transfer your answers to the computer-scan (bubble) answer sheet or take the test online.

Tell the participants that they may refer to their Student Manuals and the NIMS document when completing this test. When the review is completed, distribute the exams. Remain in the room to monitor the exam and to be available for questions. Collect the completed exams.

**Instructor Note:** To receive a certificate of completion, participants must take the 25-question multiple-choice posttest, submit an answer sheet (to EMI's Independent Study Office), and score 75 percent on the test. Two options exist for test submission:

- Participants submit their tests online, and upon successful completion receive an e-mail message with a link to their electronic certification.
  - Go to <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslst.asp> and click on the link for ICS-700.A.
  - Click on "Take Final Exam."
- Instructions for group delivery: Tests can be provided upon request by calling (301) 447-1200. Answer sheets can be requested online at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/ansreq.asp>. Note that this must be done well in advance of the course.

The completed answer sheets can then be submitted as a group to:

EMI Independent Study  
16825 South Seton Ave.  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

## Feedback

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**Please complete the  
course evaluation  
form.**

**Your comments are  
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## Instructor Notes

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Emphasize that completing the course evaluation form is important. Participants' comments will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of this course and make changes for future versions.

Please use the course evaluation form provided by the organization sponsoring the course.

**Your Notes:**