



IS-0285 Substantial Damage Estimation for Floodplain Administrators

Course Dates:

Course is now available online.

Course Length:

The overall time to complete the course will vary for each individual. IS-0285 takes approximately 8 hours.

Course Description:

This training is designed to assist tribal, local, and State officials in making substantial damage determinations in accordance with the NFIP using the FEMA Substantial Damage Estimator (SDE) software.

Course Goal:

Upon completing this course, the participant will be able to describe how to:

1. Identify the purpose of conducting substantial damage assessments;
2. Recognize the features of the FEMA SDE Tool and how to use them; and
3. Recall the substantial damage assessment processes for residential and non-residential structures.

Continuing Education Units (CEU's):

EMI awards 0.8 CEUs for completion of this course.

Target Audience:

The primary audience for this course is local Floodplain Administrators and support staff. The secondary audience are State and Federal staff working in floodplain management.

To Apply:

Independent Study Exams now require a FEMA Student Identification (SID) Number.

How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?

- Step 1: [Register](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>)
- Step 2: Click on the "Register for a FEMA SID" button on screen.
- Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.
- Step 4: You will receive an email with your SID number. You should save this number in a secure location.

The Independent Study program office is unable to assist with FEMA SID requests.

The [IS0285-Substantial Damage Estimation for Floodplain Administrators](https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-285) (<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-285>) course is available on the FEMA Internet. When you have completed the course, you may take the online test, fill out the student information and submit the test for scoring. FEMA's EMI Independent Study (IS) office will notify you via email of the results. If you successfully complete the test, a link will be included in the email for you to access and print your course certificate.

You may contact the IS office via email Independent.Study@fema.dhs.gov or contact the call center at (301) 447-1200 or toll free at 1-800-238-3358, extension 1200. IS office hours are **8:00am-6:00pm (ET) Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays.**

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