



IS-0245.c: Introduction to the Federal Priorities and Allocations System

Course Dates:

The revised course is now available online as of August 9, 2024.

Course Length:

The overall time to complete the course is about 1 hour.

Course Description:

This course seeks to educate and demonstrate familiarization of the Defense Production Act (DPA) and the Federal Priorities and Allocations System (FPAS) procedures, which are the primary source of Presidential authorities used to expedite and expand the supply of critical resources from the private sector in support of civil activities. DPA authorities are available to support: emergency preparedness activities conducted pursuant to Title VI of the Stafford Act; protection or restoration of critical infrastructure; and efforts to prevent, reduce vulnerability to minimize damage from, and recover from acts of terrorism within the United States.

Course Objectives:

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

- Describe what the FPAS is.
- Describe what Rated Orders are.
- Explain Priorities Authority.
- Identify the FPAS Procedures.
- Describe Special Priorities Assistance (SPA).

Continuing Education Units (CEUs):

NDEMU awards 0.1 CEUs for completion of this course.

Target Audience:

- Heads of DHS Components or associated agencies (“Delegated Senior Officials” or “DSOs”) who have been delegated authority by the FEMA Administrator to direct use of priority ratings in contracts and orders supporting eligible programs.
- “Authorized Component Officials” or “ACOs” authorized by DSOs to direct use of priority ratings in contracts and orders supporting eligible programs.
- DHS Component or associated agency FPAS Officers appointed to advise interested parties on the usages of the DPA authorities.
- Other personnel involved in program execution, such as anyone interested in learning more about the FPAS, such as contracting officers/specialists and contractors.

Prerequisites:

None

To Apply:

The [IS-0245.c: Introduction to the Federal Priorities and Allocations System](#) 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 NDEMU 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.

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

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How do I obtain my FEMA SID number?

Step 1: Go to [FEMA SID System \(dhs.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov/sid) to register.

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.

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 a.m.–6 p.m. (ET) Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays.

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