

Monthly Newsletter



Save the Date: National Qualification System (NQS) Informational Webinars

The FEMA National Integration Center and the Emergency Management Institute NIMS Training staff will be presenting a series of 1-hour NQS informational webinars for state, territorial, tribal, and local (SLTT) Training Officers, NIMS coordinators and NQS implementers in April 2023. The purpose of these webinars is to discuss NQS implementation best practices and to address questions and concerns from SLTT partners related to Phase 1 of the NQS Implementation Objectives. The desired outcome is for SLTT partners to gain a better understanding of NQS implementation. The format for the webinar will be primarily focused on discussions of implementation questions submitted by participants. The webinars will be conducted by region with times aligned to make them more accessible to other time zones. The tentative schedule is:

- Regions 1-4 mid-morning (EST) on Monday, 10 April
- Regions 5-7 mid-afternoon (EST) on Tuesday 11 April
- Regions 8-10 late afternoon (EST) on Thursday 13 April

Additional details on these webinars will be forthcoming and distributed through the Regional Training Managers.

EMI to Launch a New Learning Management System (LMS)

Exciting news! EMI is enhancing our learning experience with a new learning management system set to launch this Spring! The new system promises a more interactive and convenient experience, allowing for progress tracking and access to a host of student services, all in one place. As part of the rollout, all current and former students will need to go through a new logon and verification process the first time they visit the site. It is essential to ensure that your FEMA Student ID (SID) information is accurate and up to date.

To prepare for the launch, take these steps:

1. Verify and update your FEMA SID information by clicking on "Edit Profile" in the [FEMA Student ID System](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>). Self-help actions and FAQs are available to guide you through this process.

2. Review a copy of your Student Transcript (Independent Study only) from the [EMI Student Portal](https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx>). Please ensure your SID information is up to date before completing this step.
3. Review your transcript for accuracy and make any necessary corrections before the new system goes live.

Stay tuned for more updates as we get ready to launch the new learning management system!

News from the EMI Branches

Preparedness:

EMI Preparedness Branch will be reinstating the EMI e-Forum every other Wednesday, 1500 to 1600 beginning 29 March 2023. The format is built around a short program agenda, with a question/answer period and moving to open discussion. We will focus on two primary groups – state, tribal, and territorial training officers (hereafter called STOs) and the NIMS Core and Position-Specific Instructors.

The 29 March e-Forum is for the STOs. This forum will focus on current issues and challenges for scheduling NIMS Core and Position Specific training. If STOs have specific topics or issues they wish to address, please send them to the following email address by 27 March: fema-emi-prepbranch@fema.dhs.gov

The following e-Forum on 12 April will be targeting the NIMS ICS Core and Position-Specific instructors and the same format will be used.

We will send out a broadcast with the webinar links and other information over the next few days via social media, direct email to the STOs and other training partners.

ICS 300 and ICS 400 FEMA and SLTT student registration process:

- For L300 and L400 deliveries that will have 100% FEMA students, the Deployment Tracking System (DTS) will continue to be the system of record for registering.
- For L300 and L400 deliveries that will include SLTT students, ALL students must register through the NETC Online Admission system using an invitation/enrollment code.
 - Students will receive the standard EMI course completion certificate, once NETC Admissions receives the course close-out package.
 - FEMA students will need to have their DTS records updated to reflect this completion. To have DTS records updated, students will need to submit a request for credit to the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy (FIWA) Training Team at fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov.

Mitigation:

Building Science:

- The February 27–March 2, 2023, offering of E0386 Residential Coastal Construction was cancelled. The next offering will be virtual, and the dates are pending.
- The E2461 and E2462 Advanced Building Science Series I Training courses scheduled for March 27-31, 2023, at EMI are cancelled.
- The pilot offering of the E0279 Retrofitting Flood-prone Residential Buildings course is scheduled for May 1-4, 2023. Registration is opened.

For additional information on any of these courses, email the EMI Mitigation Branch at fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Pending Courses for Deactivation and Retirement: Below is a list of Mitigation courses that are being considered for inactive status (pending curriculum update) or are being considered for retirement (unable to be updated or maintained). If you have any concerns about the pending course status, please send your comments to the EMI Mitigation Branch mailbox at fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov. We will be accepting and sharing comments with the responsible Program Office for 30 days or until March 31, 2023. After this time, a final decision by the EMI Superintendent will be made on the status of these courses.

Pending Courses to be made INACTIVE	
Course Code	Course Title
E0293	Mitigation Plan Review Reference Manual
EG0282	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts II
EL0190	ArcGIS for Emergency Managers
EL0194	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts
EL0274	Understanding Floodplain Data through Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
EL0284	Advanced Floodplain Management Concepts III
G0194.1	Local Floodplain Manager Roles and Responsibilities
G0194.2	National Flood Insurance Program Rules and Regulations in Depth
G0194.3	Letters of Map Change
G0194.4	Preparing for Post-Disaster Responsibilities
G0277	Residential Coastal Construction
G0282.1	Higher Standards in Floodplain Management
G0282.2	Manufactured Homes and the National Flood Insurance Program
G0282.3	National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Principles
G0282.4	Hydrology and Hydraulics Concepts
G0284.1	Floodway Standards
G0284.2	Disconnects Between the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and Insurance
G0284.3	Common Noncompliance Issues
G0284.4	Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps
G0284.5	Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage
IS0030.b	Mitigation eGrants System for the Subgrant Applicant
IS0031.b	Mitigation eGrants System for the Grant Applicant
IS0032.a	Mitigation eGrants Internal System
IS0156	Building Design for Homeland Security for Continuity of Operations
IS0326	Community Tsunami Preparedness
IS1100.a	Increased Cost of Compliance
IS1103.a	Elevation Certificate for Surveyors
IS1104	NFIP Claims Review for Adjusters
IS1108	Insuring Condominiums
IS1109.a	Understanding Basement Coverage
IS1110	Writing Commercial Exposures
IS1111	Introduction to Commercial Claims
IS1112	Introduction to Flood Claims
IS1114	Adjusting RCBAP and Condo Unit Owner Claims
IS1115	Claims Process for Agents

Pending Courses to be RETIRED	
Course Code	Course Title
IS0841.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Overview and Startup
IS0842.b	NEMIS HMGP System: Enter the HMGP Application
IS0843.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Project Eligibility Determination
IS0844.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Managing Project Tasks
IS0845.a	NEMIS HMGP System: Oversight and Closeout
IS1101.b	Basic Agent Tutorial
IS1102	The Theory of Elevation Rating
IS1105.a	EC Made Easy: Elevation Certificate Overview
IS1106.a	FEMA Mapping Changes
IS1113	Coastal Barrier Resources Act

Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA):

Seats are still available for the next offering of the E0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements course. This class is convening April 24-27, 2023, on the EMI campus in Emmitsburg, MD. The purpose of this course is to educate students in the process of developing quality mitigation planning and project grant application elements for the Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs. It is intended for local jurisdictions, tribal governments, non-profit organizations, state, FEMA employees, and public or private sector organizations that offer consulting services to Unified HMA grant applicants.

A virtual 5-day offering of this course, K0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Application Elements, will be offered this summer from June 6-9, 2023. There are currently 45 seats open for this course. All applications must be submitted via the NETC Online Admissions system. FEMA personnel requiring this course for their Position Task Book (PTB) must contact the FQS training team directly.

General Mitigation Information: Applications will be processed thru the NETC Online Application system. See below for information related to FEMA employees that need this training for their Position Task Books (PTBs).

If you have questions about Mitigation course deliveries, please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Reminder, if you need Mitigation courses to support a PTB, please contact the FIWA/Workforce Development Division (WDD) training team at fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov to coordinate. WDD funding is no longer available for EMI resident training.

Integrated Emergency Management (IEM):

Virtual Tabletop Exercises (VTTX): EMI conducts a series of VTTX using a virtual platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country and provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX process involves key personnel from the emergency management Community of Practice (CoP) reviewing a pre-packaged set of exercise materials and convening for a four-hour tabletop exercise discussion of a simulated disaster scenario with a total of 10-15 other CoP groups participating. This VTTX is designed to engage the participants in a no fault, hazard-specific exercise discussion. Facilitation will occur online from EMI and will need to be complimented by a dedicated local agency facilitator at each participating site. The participating location must provide a person capable of facilitating the onsite portion of this discussion-based exercise. Note: The VTTX runs each day of the offering from 12:00 PM–4:00 PM Eastern Time. You only need to choose **ONE** date of the offering; however, please provide an alternate date as well. For all inquiries or to sign up for one of the offerings, email the EMI IEM Branch at fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov.

Course Date	Scenario
Mar 7-9, 2023	Public Health - Burn MCI
Apr 4-6, 2023	Train Derailment - Pass Train
May 2-4, 2023	Cyber
Jun 13-15, 2023	IPAWS Hurricane
Aug 8-10, 2023	Cyber
Sept 12-14, 2023	IPAWS MCI Terrorist Event

Course Date	Scenario
Mar 21-23, 2023	IPAWS HazMat Event
Apr 18-20, 2023	Tornado
May 16-18, 2023	Hurricane COOP
Jul 18-20, 2023	Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI)
Aug 29-31, 2023	Active Threat (Shooter) - School

Cyber Ready Community Care Game: FEMA’s National Exercise Division (NED) and DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) have developed the Cyber Ready Community Game as part of the NLE 2020 campaign to promote cyber preparedness. This would be a great game to include in your Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) and would also serve as a great activity at your next Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW). For more information or to place an order for a Cyber Ready Community Game, please contact NLE@fema.dhs.gov. You can also go to [Cyber-Ready-Community-Game.pdf](https://cias.utsa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Cyber-Ready-Community-Game.pdf) (<https://cias.utsa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Cyber-Ready-Community-Game.pdf>) for a two-page flyer.



Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The EMPP Academies and the PIO Program continue with a full slate of course offerings around the country in March 2023. Here is a list of courses scheduled in the field (L), on campus (E), or online (K) during this month:

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0105	CO	March 1-3
L0105	SC	March 1-3
L0103	OK	March 2-3
E0146	Emmitsburg, MD	March 6-7
L0146	LA	March 6-7
L0101	NC	March 6-10
L0105	WI	March 7-9
E0102	Emmitsburg, MD	March 8-10
L0105	FL	March 8-10
L0105	LA	March 8-10
E0103	Emmitsburg, MD	March 13-14
L0102	WI	March 13-15
L0101	AZ	March 13-17
L0110	AZ	March 13-17
K0101	Online	March 13-24
L0105	MO	March 14-16

Basic Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0105	OR	March 14-16
L0103	NJ	March 14-21
E0105	Emmitsburg, MD	March 15-17
L0103	WI	March 16-17
L0102	NC	March 20-22
L0102	TN	March 20-22
L0101	ND	March 20-24
L0101	SC	March 20-24
L0105	CA	March 22-24
L0103	NC	March 23-24
L0103	TN	March 23-24
L0146	NJ	March 23-April 4
L0102	CO	March 27-29
L0146	TX	March 27-28
K0102	Online	March 27-31
L0103	VA	March 28-29
L0105	AZ	March 28-30
L0105	NM	March 28-30
L0103	CO	March 30-31

Advanced Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
L0452*	NC	March 6-10
L0452*	CT	March 13-17

Executive Academy Course Number	Location	Dates
E0680**	EMI	March 6-10

* Only open to accepted Advanced Academy students

**Only open to accepted Executive Academy students

The Basic Academy is seeking regional partners to host the L0110 Train-the-Trainer course in Fiscal Year 2023.

Any interested training partners please contact Jeff Januchowski at jeffrey.januchowski@fema.dhs.gov or Rich Bashioum at richard.bashioum@fema.dhs.gov.

Ask a Course Manager?

How do I take FEMA training if I am not a U.S. resident?

Information about training for non-U.S. residents can be found on our [FEMA International Training Programs site](https://www.fema.gov/about/offices/policy-program/international-affairs/fema-international-training-programs) (<https://www.fema.gov/about/offices/policy-program/international-affairs/fema-international-training-programs>).

Current Training Opportunities:

Please refer to the [EMI Course Schedule](https://training.fema.gov/emcourses/schedules.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emcourses/schedules.aspx>) for a complete list of upcoming course offerings.

For More Information:

- [EMI Course Catalog](https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749) (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749)
- [EMI Course Schedule](https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx>)
- [EMI Student Portal](https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx>)
- [EMI Programs and Activites](https://training.fema.gov/programs) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs>)
- [State Training Officers Contact List](https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx>)
- [Independent Study Program FAQs](https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx) (<https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx>)
- [FEMA Student Identification \(SID\) System website](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) (<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>)

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