



IS-273 How to Read a Flood Insurance Rate Map

Course Dates:

Course is now available online.

Course Length:

The overall time to complete the course will vary for each individual. IS-273 takes approximately 3 hours.

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide the participants with the knowledge and skills required to use Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to determine the potential flood risks for a specific property to determine if a property should be protected against flood loss. Participants will learn about various types of flood maps, explain the elements on the map, and demonstrate how to use a flood map to obtain information for a specific property location.

Course Goal:

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

1. Recognize various flood map formats
2. Recognize FIRM elements and symbols
3. Read and use FIRMs to identify flood hazards

Continuing Education Units (CEU's):

EMI awards 0.3 CEUs for completion of this course.

Target Audience:

The primary audience for this course is local Floodplain Administrators. The secondary audience is the whole community.

To Apply:

[IS-273 How to Read a Flood Insurance Rate Map](#) is available on the FEMA Internet at

(<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-273>). 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.

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.

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.**

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

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