



How To Take ICS Classes Online – September 2018

In order to take an ICS Course Online you will need a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number.

A FEMA SID is required to register for and participate in any training provided by FEMA. All FEMA training providers' registration systems and enrollment procedures require a valid FEMA SID. The FEMA SID will serve as your unique identifier and be used to maintain the record of FEMA training you attended.

To obtain a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number

Step 1: To register, go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

Step 2: Click on the "Register for a FEMA SID" box.

Step 3: Follow the instructions and provide the necessary information to create your account.

Step 4: You will receive an email from the FEMA SID Help Desk with your SID number. You will receive a FEMA SID password in a separate email message. You should save this number and password in a secure location.

Once you are issued a SID number record and save your SID number. You will need it any time you take an ICS final exam or to request a certificate, etc.

How to Complete ICS Training Online

To achieve ARES/RACES training compliance, members need to complete Incident Command System (ICS) training at the levels identified for the organization. Incident Command System training was developed by FEMA for persons involved with emergency planning, response, or recovery efforts.

1. Go to FEMA Independent Study website:
<http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslislist.asp> Or:
<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslislist.aspx?all=true> for the list of courses.
2. Select the IS course you wish to take.
3. Click on "Interactive Web Based Course" to begin the course.
4. Proceed through the course, downloading course materials as needed, if necessary.
5. When finished with the course, return to the main screen for the course.
6. Click on "Take Final Exam Online"
7. Enter you FEMA Student ID in the space given, then enter your last name.
8. Click the "I Agree" button to confirm that completion of the exam is an individual effort.
9. Follow the instructions to complete the final exam.
10. When you pass the exam, you will receive an email from
INDEPENDENT.STUDY@fema.dhs.gov with a link to your Certificate of Completion.
11. Click the link to download your certificate in PDF format. Save this document.
12. Forward a copy of the PDF document to your ARES Emergency Coordinator.

ICS Course Information and Course Descriptions

Unless instructed otherwise, core courses are IS-100.b, IS-200.b and IS-700.a.

COURSE	DESCRIPTION
IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System Note: there are several discipline specific IS-100 courses available.	Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents Note: there are two discipline specific IS-200 courses available.	ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents is designed to teach personnel how to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.
IS-700.a National Incident Management System: An Introduction	This course explains the purpose, principles, key components and benefits of NIMS. The online course also contains "Planning Activity" screens giving you an opportunity to complete sample planning tasks during this course.
IS-701.a NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS)	This course introduces Multiagency Coordination (MAC) Systems as described in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and shows how these systems can be used to improve incident response.
IS-702.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Public Information Systems	The goal of this course is to facilitate NIMS compliance by providing you with the basic information and tools that you need to apply NIMS public information systems and protocols during incident management.
IS-703.a NIMS Resource Management Course	This course introduces resource management as described in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and shows how systems for managing resources can be used to improve incident response.
IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management	This course introduces you to the Communications and Information Management component of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
IS-706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction	This course provides an introduction to NIMS intrastate mutual aid and assistance.
IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction	The course introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework.

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