How to Receive Your PDS Certificate

The Professional Development Series (PDS) Certificate of Completion will be prepared automatically when the student has successfully completed and passed the seven courses. The award will be sent directly to the student.

All courses are considered independent studies, whether done in the distance learning mode or in the classroom as group study.

The Independent Study Program Office will score all tests, issue individual course certificates, maintain students' records, and issue PDS Certificates of Completion.

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has served for over twenty years to train professionals in the fundamentals of emergency management.

Training is the key to building cadres of disaster coordinators and managers at all levels for all hazards in all phases of emergency management.

http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/PDS

How to take classes:

Independent Study

Visit http://training.fema.gov/EMIWEB/IS. Enroll online and then all materials will be provided for you. Each class takes approximately10 hours. After finishing, an exam will be given online.

Classroom

Some States offer group study versions of these courses in classrooms. Contact your State Training Officer to get a schedule of classroom offerings.

Required Courses

IS-230
Principles of Emergency Management

IS-235
Emergency Planning

IS-242
Effective Communication

IS-241
Decision Making and Problem Solving

IS-240
Leadership and Influence

IS-244
Developing and Managing Volunteers

IS-139
Exercise Design