OAS – Government of Chile Scholarship and Training Project for CARICOM Countries

5 Free Online Independent Study Courses

Available through the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute's Independent Study Professional Development Series

▼ PREMISE

The aim of the OAS – Government of Chile Scholarship and Training Project for CARICOM Countries is to strengthen CARICOM's capabilities through courses, certified training programs and diplomas in the areas of disaster risk management and climate resilience from 2018 to 2020.

The Project seeks to provide cost-effective and innovative education and training opportunities to personnel involved in emergency response, disaster risk management, and climate resilience at the national and community levels and with the aim of reducing the vulnerability of communities to climate-related hazards, build their resilience, and ultimately to contribute to sustainable development.

Consistent with the aforementioned, the OAS is encouraging Caribbean nationals who wish to participate in the upcoming courses offered through this Project to take advantage of the following free online independent study courses offered by FEMA to acquire some basic knowledge on Emergency Management that could be applied to higher level training opportunities.

Some of these free online courses may be a pre-requisite for some of the upcoming courses and might be considered as part of the criteria in the selection process.

▼ DESCRIPTIONS AND BENEFITS OF THE COURSES

1. **Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100**
   ICS 100, 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). https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.b

2. **ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200**
   ICS 200 is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). ICS-200 provides training on and resources for personnel are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS. https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.b

3. **Fundamentals of Emergency Management, IS-230**
   The goal of this course is to introduce you to the fundamentals of emergency management. This course presents emergency management as an integrated system with resources and capabilities networked together to address all hazards. https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-230.d

4. **National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction, IS-700**
   This course introduces and overviews the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.a

5. **National Response Framework, an Introduction, IS-800**
   This course introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the National Response Framework. The goal of this course is to familiarize participants with the National Response Framework and the ways it is applied in actual response situations. https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.c

▼ PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The Courses are intended for working professionals who have backgrounds or work related duties in emergency management and disaster response. These professions include first responders in fire, law enforcement and EMS, public administrators, emergency management employees, policy makers and program directors, urban planners, NGOs, public health workers and private sector professionals.

▼ REGISTRATION

To register for the above courses, you must first register for a Student Identification Number (SID) if you have not done so already. To register, go to https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid and follow the steps listed. Instructions on applying to the FEMA independent Study courses could be accessed via this link: https://training.fema.gov/apply/#HowToIS.

➢ *Please note that a U.S. address is required to complete the exams and obtain the certificates. The U.S. address of an affiliate, friend or relative could be used. Please contact scholarships@oas.org if you are experiencing any difficulties.*

▼ SUGGESTED TIMELINE

Participants should be guided by the following timeline to complete the courses.

Course	Duration	Period
Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100	2 hours Final exam	During the week of October 8
ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200	3 hours Final exam	During the week of October 8
Fundamentals of Emergency Management, IS-230,	6 hours Final exam	During the week of October 15th
National Incident Management System (NIMS) an Introduction, IS-700	3.5 hours Final exam	During the week of October 22nd
National Response Framework, an Introduction, IS-800	3 hours Final exam	During the week of October 22nd

▼ REGISTERING CERTIFICATES WITH THE OAS:

After each successful final exam, participants will receive a certificate of completion. After completing all courses participants should complete a profile and include a copy of each certificate along with a copy of a government issued ID (passport or national ID Card) in the OAS Fellowship Management System through the link below by **October 31, 2018.**

Please note that if you have previously completed any of the courses, you are not required to retake the Courses. However, a copy of your certificates should be registered with the OAS through the link below.

Click here to complete your profile and register your certificates

Notes:
✓ *The certificates and ID must be combined into one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB). If the file is larger than 5MB, the application system would not accept the file and does allow for more than one document to be uploaded.*

▼ FOR MORE INFORMATION

Questions about this announcement should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject "OAS-Chile Scholarship Program."

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