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**OAS – Executive Secretariat
for Integral Development
informs of the availability of
two free interactive web
based courses in response to
the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Available through the U.S. Federal
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Institute

▼ DESCRIPTIONS AND BENEFITS OF THE COURSES

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates individuals about disaster preparedness and trains and organizes teams of volunteers that can support their communities during disasters. The CERT Program offers training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With proper CERT training, you can help protect your family, neighbors, and co-workers if a disaster occurs.

IS-317.A: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team

Introduction to Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), IS-317.A, is an independent study course that serves as an introduction to CERT for those interested in completing the basic CERT training or as a refresher for current team members. <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-317.a>

IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident Command System (ICS)

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a proven management system used by emergency managers. Applying ICS during a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) activation will help maintain the safety of disaster workers, provide clear leadership and organizational structure, and improve the effectiveness of rescue efforts. This course will cover the principles of ICS and help learners understand how to effectively apply the principles through interactive real-life scenarios. <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-315.a>

▼ REGISTRATION WITH FEMA EMI

To register with FEMA for the above course, you must first register for a Student Identification Number (SID) if you have not already done so. To register, go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid> and follow the steps listed. Instructions on applying to the FEMA independent study course 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. By using the SG/OAS address, the applicant is agreeing to use the address solely for exam purposes through the OAS-FEMA authorized courses as announced by the GS/OAS. Please date and sign the form where indicated in the link below. You are required to provide this completed and signed form when you are registering the certificates with the OAS.

Link: <https://bit.ly/2zHX8Uk>

▼ SUGGESTED TIMELINE

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

Course / Language	Duration	Period
IS-317.A: Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams	2 hours Final exam	Participants can access and complete the course from May 1 – July 15, 2020 then register the certificate with the OAS by July 31, 2020
English		

**IS-315.A: CERT and the Incident
Command System (ICS)**

English

2 hours
Final exam

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the course from May 1 – July 15,
2020 then register the certificate with
the OAS by July 31, 2020

REGISTERING CERTIFICATES WITH THE OAS:

After successfully completing the courses, participants will receive two certificates of completion. Participants should complete a profile and include a copy of the certificates along with a copy of a government issued ID (passport or national ID Card), and the OAS Address Authorization Form, in the OAS Fellowship Management System through the link below by **July 31, 2020**.

[Click here to complete your profile and register your certificates](#)

Deadline to register the certificates is July 31, 2020.

Notes:

✓ *The certificate, ID, and Form must be combined into one (1) single PDF file (no larger than 5MB).*

Questions about this announcement should be sent to scholarships@oas.org with the subject “OAS-CERT Program.”



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