

AEMA online training

Changes to access

Overview

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) offers free online courses for Alberta's emergency management community. The primary audience for these courses are public sector emergency management staff. Over the last few years there has been a significant increase in the number of students accessing these courses who are not part of the primary audience for training.

AEMA's primary training audience

includes public sector students and non-government organizations who are members of the NGO council and have a role in Alberta's emergency management system.

Upcoming changes

The demand on staff to support wider student intake, combined with upcoming changes to legislation, has prompted us to re-evaluate our training model. To ensure that we offer service that aligns with our legislative requirements, we are changing access to these free courses.

What to expect

The Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation will come into effect on January 1, 2020. To prepare for this change, AEMA will be adjusting student intake to ensure primary training audiences can continue free training without interruption.

We will still offer training to non-primary students, but availability will change.

December 2019: Registration will be temporarily closed to non-primary audiences.

AEMA's non-primary training audience includes public sector students who do not have a direct role in Alberta's emergency management system, non-government organizations who are not members of the NGO council and students who work for private industry.

Spring 2020: For non-primary students affected by this change, AEMA will publish a new training calendar with information on course availability and registration.

The new training model for non-primary students will limit:

- the number of courses available
- the number of students in each course
- the length of time allowed for completion of a course
- the number of students from one organization allowed to register in the same course

What you need to know

- the training calendar will indicate all courses available to non-primary students
- registration will open 30 days before a course's start date
- registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- all courses must be completed within the 30-day course period
- no exceptions or extensions will be granted for the above

Alternatives to AEMA training

Students are encouraged to seek out emergency management training available through other providers in Alberta.

In the coming months, AEMA will be publishing a list of training providers who offer ICS-100 online and have been accredited by the Government of Alberta.

In the future, AEMA will be developing course accreditation and instructor certification guidelines to encourage other training providers to meet Alberta's need for emergency management training in all sectors.

For more information about these changes, visit [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca) or email, at AEMA.Training@gov.ab.ca.