

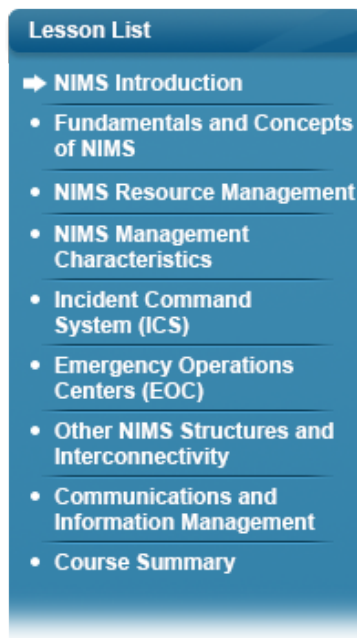
Course Introduction: IS-700.b An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

This course provides training on and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The training is comprised of the following lessons:

- NIMS Introduction
- Lesson 1: Fundamentals and Concepts of NIMS
- Lesson 2: NIMS Resource Management
- Lesson 3: NIMS Management Characteristics
- Lesson 4: Incident Command System (ICS)
- Lesson 5: Emergency Operations Centers (EOC)
- Lesson 6: Other NIMS Structures and Interconnectivity
- Lesson 7: Communications and Information Management
- Lesson 8: Course Summary

This course should take approximately 3.5 hours to complete.



Receiving Credit

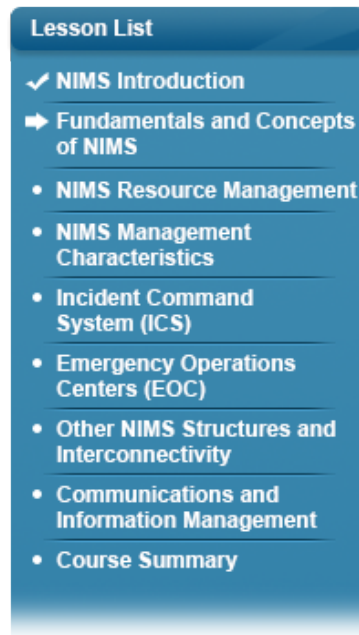
Students must complete the entire course and pass the final exam to receive credit for the course. Each lesson takes a variable amount of time to complete. If you are unable to complete the course in its entirety, you may close the window and reopen the course at any time. However, depending on the system used to take the course, it is possible you may have to repeat a portion of the last lesson you were studying.

Lesson 1: Fundamentals and Concepts of NIMS

We'll now begin with the content of the first lesson. This lesson presents key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.

Objectives: At the end of this lesson, you should be able to:

- Describe applicability and scope of NIMS.
- Describe the key concepts and principles underlying NIMS.



What is NIMS?

Transcript - What is NIMS?

Communities across the Nation face diverse threats, hazards and events that require them to coordinate efforts to save lives, stabilize the incident, and protect property and the environment.

While many incidents are managed effectively at the local level, every day jurisdictions and organizations work together to share resources, integrate tactics and act collaboratively.

Incidents that may require a collaborative approach includes personnel from:

- Multiple jurisdictions
- A combination of specialties or disciplines
- Several levels of government
- Nongovernmental organizations
- The private sector

The National Incident Management System, or NIMS, provides the foundation needed to ensure that we can work together when our communities and the Nation need us the most.

NIMS is applicable all stakeholders with incident management and support responsibilities.

NIMS provides these stakeholders across the whole community with the shared vocabulary, systems, and processes to successfully deliver the capabilities described in the National Preparedness System.

NIMS integrates best practices into a comprehensive, standardized framework that is flexible enough to be applicable across the full spectrum of potential incidents and events, regardless size, complexity or scope.

Using NIMS allows us to work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents.

This course introduces you to the NIMS concepts, principles, and components.

NIMS Overview

WHAT? The National Incident Management System (NIMS) defines the comprehensive approach guiding...

WHO? ...the whole community - solutions that serve the entire community are implemented while simultaneously making sure that the resources the different members of the community bring to the table are leveraged across all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations (NGO), and private sector organizations to work together seamlessly

WHY? ...to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the effects of incidents.

WHEN? NIMS applies to all incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, from planned events to traffic accidents and to major disasters.

HOW? NIMS provides the shared vocabulary, systems, and processes to successfully deliver the National Preparedness System capabilities.

HISTORY: NIMS builds on best practices from more than 40 years of improving interoperability in incident management. NIMS evolved from the Firefighting Resources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies (FIRESCOPE) system that began in the 1970s. In 1982 NIMS was developed through government collaboration with incident management practitioners, NGOs and the private sector. The first NIMS document was published by FEMA in 2004 and was revised in 2008 and 2017.