
Disaster Assessment Basics
DSIMS100A: April 2009

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| Description | <p><i>Disaster Assessment Basics</i> is an instructor-led, basic level course. The course encompasses the tasks and responsibilities of the Disaster Assessment activity on a disaster relief operation. The course includes a section on local disaster incidents, which may be customized by the instructor for a local disaster program.</p> <p>The <i>Disaster Assessment Basics</i> course is not a replacement for the <i>Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment</i> (DSIMS200B) course; it is a complementary course developed for a different audience. This new course is designed for local community volunteers, primarily Disaster Action Team (DAT) members.</p> <p>The <i>Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment</i> course is the required course for all Disaster Assessment DSHR members, and is recommended for any volunteer who serves in a Disaster Assessment leadership role at the chapter even if that person does not deploy beyond the chapter.</p> |
| Purpose | <p>The purpose of this course is to provide a general overview of the tasks performed by Red Cross Disaster Assessment workers in support of a disaster relief operation and a local incident such as a single or multi-family fire.</p> |
| Learning Objectives | <p>Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain the importance of completing a disaster assessment.• List the tasks needed to complete a disaster assessment.• Complete the forms used in the collection process of disaster assessment. |
| Audience | <p>Employees and volunteers of the Red Cross, primarily Disaster Action Team (DAT) members, other agencies and community organizations who desire to work in the Disaster Assessment activity.</p> |
| Prerequisites | <p><i>Fulfilling Our Mission: Translating Your Compassion Into Community Action</i> (DSGEN200A)</p> |
| Length | <p>This course is 2.5 hours. Additional time may be required when the section on local disaster incidents is expanded. Full attendance of the entire course is required to earn a course certificate.</p> |

Scheduling The recommended class size is a minimum of four and a maximum of 20 participants. It is at the discretion of sponsoring units to offer the course to more than 20 participants.

Instructor Requirements This course is taught by basic Disaster Services instructors who have disaster assessment experience on disaster relief operations and are familiar with current disaster regulations and procedures.

Materials and Equipment

- *Disaster Assessment Basics* Instructor Manual (DSIMS100IM)
- *Disaster Assessment Basics* Participant Guide (DSIMS100PW) (one per participant)
- PowerPoint presentation
- Computer and LCD projector
- Damage Assessment Summary Sheet (F5233) (one per participant)
- Name tents or name tags
- Newsprint paper and easel
- Marking pens
- Course Record Addendum (F6418)
- Participant evaluations (F5898B) (one per participant)
- Course certificates (Universal Cert. 653998) (one per participant)

Note:

The instructor manual, participant guide and PowerPoint presentation are available on CrossNet. A CD (DSIMS100CD) that combines these items is available for purchase from the DocStore catalog.

Printed copies of the instructor manual and participant workbook are also available from the DocStore. Materials are designed to be printed double-sided, black and white.

Questions or comments concerning this course or its materials should be emailed to DisasterTraining@usa.redcross.org

Data Management To enter course code information:

- Learning Management System (LMS), use DSIMS100A.
- Chapter Environment Resources System (CHERS), use DSIMS100A.
- Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR), use DA.