



**ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS (ASFPM)  
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP) 101  
Introduction to Floodplain Management  
FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

Local officials must know the basic requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for their communities. However, many do not have time to attend an in-person course that lasts four days or more. Therefore, FEMA’s Floodplain Management Training, Education, and Development Committee has launched a new online NFIP 101 course.

This training is hosted in partnership with the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) and will help new and experienced floodplain administrators/code enforcement officers, emergency managers, planning boards, elected officials, and others learn more about the NFIP and its requirements. Floodplain administrators/code enforcement officers will also learn how floodplain management decisions affect insurance, health, and public safety.

[NFIP 101: Introduction to Floodplain Management](#) is free and does not require ASFPM membership. The course is divided into nine units:

1. Course Introduction	6. Oversight and Compliance
2. Introduction to Floodplain Management	7. Floodplain Management Pre- and Post-Event
3. Risk Determination – Maps and Studies	8. Flood Insurance
4. Floodplain Management Regulations Overview	9. Course Summary
5. Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage	

The self-paced course will take about 14-18 hours to complete. There is no time limit, so you can finish the course at your own pace. This course is for you if you are new to floodplain management or are seeking a refresher course on basic floodplain management tools, terms, and concepts.

You can sign up for the “course for professional credit” or “use this course as a reference guide” (no credit). If you are state certified in Land Use, you are encouraged to take the course for professional credit. If you complete the training and pass the 20-question exam at the end, you will receive a certificate for 12 CECs which could be used for recertification in Land Use.

Find the training at [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org). Choose the ‘Training Center’ tab. Choose ‘On-Demand Learning’. You will have to sign up for an account to take the training, however you do need to become a member.

**Note:** This training is written for a national audience so the local Floodplain Management Ordinance may be more restrictive. As one example, Maine requires new construction and substantial improvements to be one foot above the base flood elevation and some communities have chosen to be more restrictive. **Always refer to the community’s ordinance for permitting requirements and standards.**