

ABOUT IAEM

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non-profit, educational organization. Membership includes local, state and federal emergency managers, homeland security officials, educational, military, private, non-governmental and volunteer practitioners. Membership is open to anyone practicing or interested in the field.

IAEM individuals dues per year are:

U.S. members	.....\$170
Canada members	.....\$100
Oceania members	.....\$83
Asia members	.....\$80
Europa members	.....\$80
Members from other countries/councils	.....\$50
Affiliate (supplier) dues per year	.....\$795
Student members	.....\$30

The membership year is October–September. All dues are quoted in U.S. dollars.

CERTIFICATION FEES

Fees are based on costs to process candidate material. IAEM is a non-profit organization. Note that members are charged lower application fees because the IAEM treasury subsidizes certification activities.

ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. All fees are quoted in U.S. dollars

REGISTRATION — NO CHARGE

Candidates enroll online to receive the complete application forms and booklet, and to be added to IAEM's database to receive periodic certification program updates.

APPLICATION

Submission processing and examination fee.

IAEM members	.....\$325
Non-Members	.....\$450

MAINTENANCE — \$200

Re-certification fees are due along with updated documentation every five years.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The CEM® and AEM program is for professionals with comprehensive emergency management responsibility. These practitioners integrate all actors in all phases of emergency activity for all types of disasters. The “comprehensive” aspect of Comprehensive Emergency Management includes all four phases of disaster activity: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for all risks—attack, man-made, and natural—in a federal-state-local operating partnership.

DISCLAIMER

IAEM is not establishing standards governing the conduct of any emergency managers or establishing any set procedures for work performance. The program is designed to establish educational, training and experience criteria relevant to emergency management, and to certify that an individual has met these criteria.

You do not have to be an IAEM member to participate in the certification program.



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CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGERS

Certified Emergency Manager®

Associate Emergency Manager

The Ultimate Credentials in Emergency Management

Internationally recognized

Increased credibility

Professional identity

Career recognition

Enhanced career planning

Benchmarking



OBJECTIVES / PHILOSOPHY

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) created the certification program for emergency managers to raise and maintain professional standards; it is a program to certify achievements within the profession. Any emergency management professional who meets requirements is welcome to participate.

CERTIFICATION COMMISSION STRUCTURE

The program is served by a Certification Commission made up of emergency management professionals including representatives from allied fields, educators, military and private industry personnel.

Development of the program was supported by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) and a host of allied organizations.

PROGRAM PROCESS

To register for certification consideration, candidates must enroll online at www.iaem.com to receive an electronic copy of the application booklet at no charge. This includes detailed instructions, all necessary forms and other helpful information to aid in successful certification completion.

Completed application packages along with the appropriate fee are accepted at any time during the year; the Certification Commission meets 2–3 times annually to evaluate submissions. Specific meeting dates are posted online.

Candidates must also take a 100 question examination in order to receive the CEM® designation, and can do so at any time by arranging a proctor with their local high school, college, or at an IAEM event. A separate brochure describes format, test content sources and how to arrange a proctor. IAEM also offers a Prep Course at an additional fee for those wanting an intensive review of all content prior to taking the test. For more information on the Prep Course please go to <http://www.iaem.com/certification/CEMPrepCourse.htm>

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION

There are two types of certification offered: the Certified Emergency Manager® (CEM®), and the Associate Emergency Manager (AEM).

CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE

CEM®s and AEMs maintain certification every five years by documenting 100 hours of continuing educational/training (at least 75 in emergency management) and 6 professional contributions.

CEM® Requirements

AEM Requirements

Training

Submissions must be within the last 10 years. 200 contact hours are required, 100 each in emergency management and general management. Emergency management training is considered specific to the profession, and general management includes content that can be applied beyond emergency management. Note: no more than 25% of hours can be in any single topic.

Management Essay

Candidates must demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities through this written submission, as specified in the instructions included in the application booklet.

Three References

Including from candidate's current supervisor:

Multiple-choice Examination

Candidates must pass by 75% a 100-question examination in order to receive the CEM® designation, and can do so at any time by arranging a proctor with their local high school or college or at an IAEM event. A separate brochure describes format and test content sources. Note: the examination includes a portion of questions that are considered to be universal, core content for emergency management regardless of location. Additional content is tested depending on country in which candidate is based.

Emergency Management Experience

Three years by date of application. Comprehensive experience must include participation in a full-scale exercise or actual disaster; and must encompass all phases of emergency management (mitigation, preparedness/ prevention, response and recovery). Note: a baccalaureate degree in emergency management reduces the experience requirement (depending on how current is the degree) and waives EM Training if it is earned very recently.

Education

U.S. applicants—
Any 4-year baccalaureate degree is required as of January 1, 2010.

Non-U.S. applicants—
Any baccalaureate degree or equivalent thereof, or additional experience may be substituted at two years of full time Emergency Management employment per year of college/university. (Effective until January 1, 2012)

Contributions to the Profession

Submissions must be within the last 10 years and be for activities performed beyond the scope of candidate's job requirements. Six separate contributions are required in areas such as professional membership, conference attendance, service role, leadership role, special assignment, speaking, teaching, course development, publication, audio-visual and interactive products, awards or special recognition, state or province certification, or legislative contact. See the application booklet for more details on each area.