

EXAM PREPARATION GUIDE

for the

CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER  
PROGRAM

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# **FLOODPLAIN MANAGER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

## **CFM® CERTIFICATION EXAM PREPARATION GUIDE**

### **\* Items of most importance**

1. \* **FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Regulations** – Recommended Sections:
  - 59 General Provisions and Definitions
  - 61 Insurance Coverage, Rates and Increased Cost of Compliance
  - 60.3 Floodplain Management Criteria
  - 65 Identification and Mapping
  - 67 Appeals from proposed Base Flood Elevations
  - 70 Map Corrections
  - 73 Section 1316 Denial of Flood Insurance
2. \* **Flood Insurance Study, Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary Floodway Maps for your Community** [Available from the FEMA Map Information eXchange webpage [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov) or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA-MAP)].
3. \* **Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for your Community** [Example ordinances are available from the NFIP State Coordinator in your state, contact information is available at [www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1)].
4. \* **FEMA 480**, (2/05 or later publication), “National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Floodplain Management Requirements, A Study Guide and Desk Reference for Local Officials” [Available from the ASPFM webpage at [www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=388&firstlevelmenuID=180&siteID=1](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=388&firstlevelmenuID=180&siteID=1) or by mail from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
5. \* **Flood County, USA (FIRM, DFIRM, Index, FIS)**, [Available from the FEMA Publications Warehouse by calling (800) 480-2520 and referencing Pub# A-0022 or available electronically at ASFPM web page [www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=389&firstlevelmenuID=180&siteID=1](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=389&firstlevelmenuID=180&siteID=1)].
6. **State NFIP Coordinating Agency publications** - such as RG-330/ev “Floodplain Management 101” (TNRCC, Aug 2001); RG-12 - “State of Texas Floodplain Administrators Manual,” 6/94, or “Guidebook for Local Floodplain Ordinance Administrators,” Oklahoma Water Resources Board, 01/99, (or a similar State Coordinator publication) [Available from the NFIP State Coordinator in your state, contact information is available at [www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1)].
7. \* **MitDiv-2, FEMA Pub# 084** (5/06 or later printing) - “Answers to Questions about the NFIP” [Available from the FEMA webpage at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/qanda.shtm> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
8. \* **FEMA MT-1, FEMA Pub# 81-87 Series** (9/02 or later printing) – “Amendments and Revisions to National Flood Insurance Program Maps” [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1492> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
9. **FEMA MT-2, FEMA Pub# 81-89 Series** (3/08 or later printing) – “Revisions to National Flood Insurance Program Maps” [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1493> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
10. **FEMA 467-1** Floodplain Management Bulletin, Elevation Certificate, May 2004 (or later printing) [can be downloaded from the FEMA Web Page <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1727> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520]

11. FEMA/NFIP Elevation Certificate and Instructions, FEMA 81-31, OMB No. 3067-0077, MAR 2009 (or later printing) [Elevation Certificate can be downloaded from the FEMA Web Page <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/elvinst.shtm> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520]
12. **FEMA 213**, (5/91 or later printing) "Answers to Questions about Substantially Damaged Buildings" [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1636> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
13. **FEMA 345**, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Desk Reference (10/99 or later printing) [Available from the FEMA webpage [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm) or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
14. **FEMA 2010** Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Unified Guidance (06/2009 or later printing) [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3649> or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
15. **FEMA Technical Bulletins TB-1 through TB-11**, and "NFIP Fact Sheets" (Various dates – watch for future publications and updates) [Available from the FEMA webpage [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/techbul.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/techbul.shtm) or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
16. **FEMA 301** (9/03 or later printing) Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) – "Interim Guidance for State and Local Officials", Sep 2003 (or later printing) [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1532> (and additional ICC information at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/ICC.shtm> or ordered from the FEMA Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
17. **FEMA 268** (6/96 or latest printing) "Protecting Floodplain Resources- A Guidebook for Communities" [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1419> or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
18. **Community Rating System (CRS) Coordinator's Manual**, FEMA Pub# FIA-15 (01/2007 or later printing) [Available from the FEMA webpage <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2434> or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
19. **FEMA 386**, (5/05 or later printing) "State and Local Mitigation Planning – How-to Series", 1 through 8 [Available from the FEMA webpage [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fima/386-6\\_Front%20Matter.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/fima/386-6_Front%20Matter.pdf) or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].
20. **State Floodplain Management Quick Guides**, AK, AL, CO, IL, MI, MO, MS, NM, SC, TX, UT; and other states [Available from the NFIP State Coordinator in your state, contact information is available at [www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1](http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuID=274&firstlevelmenuID=185&siteID=1)].
21. **FEMA 186** – NFIP Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance Guidelines, Reprinted September 2007. [Available from the FEMA webpage [www.fema.gov/good\\_guidance/documents/10040](http://www.fema.gov/good_guidance/documents/10040) or ordered from Publication Warehouse (800) 480-2520].

#### FEMA publications are available from:

FEMA Map Information eXchange: (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA-MAP)

FEMA Publication Warehouse: (800) 480-2520

FEMA Online: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

NFIP: (800) 427-4661

NFIP Online: [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip)

NFIP: FloodSmart.gov (888) 379-9531

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