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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Virtual FEMA Elevation Certificate Training: Mastering the Latest Changes

Hosted by PEMA

Available Dates and Times:

December 7	1–3PM
December 14	9–11AM
January 12	11AM–1PM

Where: Microsoft Teams

FEMA updated the Elevation Certificate in July 2023. This training is designed to help professionals, community officials, property owners and stakeholders navigate the updated Elevation Certificate with a primary focus on understanding the latest changes. One of the most significant updates is the introduction of a section H, which can be used to support insurance ratings and can be completed by homeowners.

Form Instructions

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE
IMPORTANT: MUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTRUCTION PAGES 1-11

Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.:	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____	Policy Number: _____
	Company NAIC Number: _____
SECTION H – BUILDING'S FIRST FLOOR HEIGHT INFORMATION FOR ALL ZONES (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) (FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ONLY)	
The property owner, owner's authorized representative, or local floodplain management official may complete Section H for all flood zones to determine the building's first floor height for insurance purposes. Sections A, B, and I must also be completed. Enter heights to the nearest tenth of a foot (nearest tenth of a meter in Puerto Rico). Reference the <i>Foundation Type Diagrams (at the end of Section H Instructions)</i> and the appropriate <i>Building Diagrams (at the end of Section I Instructions)</i> to complete this section.	
H1. Provide the height of the top of the floor (as indicated in Foundation Type Diagrams) above the Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG):	
a) For Building Diagrams 1A, 1B, 3, and 5–8. Top of bottom floor (include above-grade floors only for buildings with crawlspaces or enclosure floors) is:	<input type="text"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters <input type="checkbox"/> above the LAG
b) For Building Diagrams 2A, 2B, 4, and 6–9. Top of next higher floor (i.e., the floor above basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor) is:	<input type="text"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters <input type="checkbox"/> above the LAG
H2. Is all Machinery and Equipment servicing the building (as listed in Item H2 instructions) elevated to or above the floor indicated by the H2 arrow (shown in the Foundation Type Diagrams at end of Section H instructions) for the appropriate Building Diagram?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

- New Form Updates: Gain in-depth knowledge of the latest changes. Key changes to highlight include Section A, focusing on flood openings; and Section H, which introduces first flood height calculations for property owners.
- Why do I need an elevation certificate and how do I get one?
- Interpreting a completed elevation certificate and identifying NFIP violations
- Helpful tools and resources for homeowners, local officials, and professionals

Continuing Education Credits (CECs): Two CECs toward CFM (Certified Floodplain Manager) maintenance and renewal



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