

CHANGE MEMORANDUM 3-04: FEMA Training Extension for Deployment Eligibility

1 June 2026

1. Policy 3, Training Curriculum, currently states that members must complete online FEMA training as part of the deployment eligibility process. However, this training may be unavailable during federal government shutdowns, which have become more frequent and longer in duration. As a result, members may be unable to complete the required FEMA courses and assessments needed to maintain or achieve deployment eligibility.
2. During its April 2026 meeting, the Board of Directors approved a motion that if the FEMA courses and resulting assessments are not available due to circumstances outside of a WASART member's control, once all other requirements have been successfully completed, members may be awarded a Trainee designation and can then deploy in a limited capacity. Upon the FEMA courses and assessments becoming available to the member, they will have 90 days to complete the requirement, or they lose their Trainee designation and can no longer deploy until the requirement is met.
3. This change will be incorporated in Revision R of Policy 3 when coordinated for publication.

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