



FEMA

National Earthquake Training Assistance Program Training for February 2026

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is offering two free National Earthquake Technical Assistance Program (NETAP) Web-Based Trainings. The two courses being offered are the Applied Technology Council's ATC-20 Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings and FEMA P-2055 Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance. These FEMA-funded courses are available to anyone in a high or very high seismic hazard state and will be presented on Zoom.

Web-Based Training Description

The ATC-20 *Procedures for Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings* course provides instruction on rapid and detailed evaluation procedures for evaluating earthquake-damaged buildings and posting them as INSPECTED (apparently safe, green placard), LIMITED ENTRY (yellow placard), or UNSAFE (red placard). The web-based training provides examples that allow attendees to evaluate building damage conditions, assess the overall risk from the damage, and recommend which of the three placards should be posted on the building. These evaluations and placards can be used in planning and executing evacuation, re-entry, and rebuilding strategies.

In the FEMA P-2055 *Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance* course, participants will receive an overview of existing procedures for post-disaster building safety evaluations and issues related to structural safety and habitability. Guidance is presented on planning, managing, and implementing safety evaluation programs before and after a disaster incident.

In late 2018, Congress directed FEMA to develop and publish guidance, including best practices, for the post-disaster safety assessment of buildings by licensed architects and engineers to ensure that design professionals properly analyze the structural integrity and livability of buildings and structures following disasters. The final report, FEMA P-2055, which can be found [here](#), covers current state of practice, including recommendations related to structural safety and habitability. This report serves as a comprehensive review of all facets of post-disaster safety evaluations, covering deployment management, secondary hazard events, requirements for health of occupants, and discussions on interim post-disaster use of buildings.

Who Should Attend

The target audience for these web-based trainings includes building officials, engineers, architects, building owners, emergency managers, risk analysts and other interested individuals.



This web-based training is supported by National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) National Earthquake Technical Assistance Program (NETAP). For more information visit: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/training/netap>.

Sponsoring States and Course Times

STATE:	TIME ZONE:	COURSE TIME:
Alaska	Alaska Standard Time	8:00am – 12:00pm
California	Pacific Standard Time	9:00am – 1:00pm
Idaho	Mountain Standard Time	10:00am – 2:00pm
Utah	Mountain Standard Time	10:00am – 2:00pm
USVI	Atlantic Standard Time	1:00pm – 5:00pm

General Information

ATC-20 Field Manual: Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pacific Time)

Location: Online Training

Instructor: Ed Huston, Huston Structural Engineering

Materials: ATC-20-1 Field Manual: Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings. A hard copy of the materials is available free of charge to attendees who complete the training.

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YcH5TEeTRXmDWd7KFR0dHw

FEMA P-2055 Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pacific Time)

Location: Online Training

Instructor: Ed Huston, Huston Structural Engineering

Materials: FEMA P-2055 Post-disaster Building Safety Evaluation Guidance [Download a current PDF](#) of this resource from FEMA.gov

Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0XmnQjbSRVeh00RjJvmz8A

Certification Credit

Participants may sign up for one or both trainings. It is highly encouraged to sign up for both trainings.

Participants who attend the full duration of each training will receive Professional Development Unit certificates.