Region 10 News Flash: FEMA Releases New Elevation & Floodproofing Certificates

FEMA has released new versions of the Elevation Certificate and the Floodproofing Certificate.

These updated forms have been approved and should be used going forward through 06/30/2026.

CRS has also said that for reviews they will be strictly using the date Friday, July 7, 2023. There is no grace period for the old form. <u>Any form signed</u> and dated as of July 7, 2023, must be on the latest FEMA EC Form.

Download the new forms here!

Note: If you get a "Please Wait" error when trying to download the new Elevation Certificate form, it's due to some incompatibility issues with the alternative PDF viewer used by certain browsers – here's a work around:

- > Right click on the *Download File* link and select "save link as" then, save it to your PC.
- > Once it's on your PC, you should be able to open it.

*If you still have issues, <u>email the Region 10 Help Desk</u>.

Highlights of the Revisions to the Elevation Certificate:

- > Two new form sections (H and I) can be used for NFIP insurance policy rating without a professional survey.
- > Expanded form sections capture additional detail and clarity.
- > Section G (for community officials) connects the form to local permit and variance decisions, and documents compliance with higher standards.
- > More photographs to capture additional building details are now required regardless of the intended use of the EC form.
- > More detailed instructions pages provide better clarity on how to properly complete the EC form.

CRS COMMUNITIES! HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

The same fields from the old form are still being required by CRS. New fields and newly-required fields on this new form are:

- > A5 Latitude and Longitude (every time)
- > A6 (at least 2 photos, preferably 4 or more, must be submitted with each EC and they must be clear/visible)
- > All of A8 (when appropriate)
- > All of A9 (when appropriate)
- > B1.a and B1.b (yes, both must be entered and correct)

- > C2f (LAG) and C2g (HAG): boxes are now required for either "Natural" or "Finished" grade. These must be marked (every time, when Section C is used).
- Section E the stage of construction (i.e., "Construction Drawings", "Buildings Under Construction", or "Finished Construction") must be marked when this section is used. E5 must be completed (when appropriate).
- > G8 (every time)
- > G11 (every time)
- > Local officials must provide Name, Signature, and Date in Section G (every time)
- > The new Sections (H and I) are for insurance purposes only and ARE NOT reviewed for CRS purposes.

Highlights of the Revisions to the Dry Floodproofing Certificate:

- > A revised format that requires separate certification of building design, elevation, and construction.
- > Additional information collected on the dry floodproofing certificate form (in Section I) supports determination of where dry floodproofing approach is viable, and where a building is eligible for floodproofing discount.
- > Separate sections to certify the design (II), the as-built elevation (III), and confirm that the design & construction meets the performance standards (IV).
- > More specifics provided (in the instructions) on the required photographs and supporting documentation.

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