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Online Bushfire training courses now available to members of the public

The Bushfire Centre of Excellence Training team is pleased to announce the release of Online Bushfire Fundamentals and Online Rural Fire Awareness to the public.

These two courses have been available in eAcademy to DFES personnel since January 2023. They are now accessible via the [e-Academy](#) external platform to individuals interested in learning more about bushfire.

The Bushfire Fundamentals course offers an overview covering bushfire characteristics and behaviour, bushfire safety and survival, the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) and the role of WA fire agencies in bushfire response.

Primarily intended for government agency staff involved in bushfire response, DFES Corporate personnel supporting Incident Management Teams at bushfires, and those in State Operations Centre roles, this course delivers a basic awareness of bushfire and complements existing training programs.

This course does not replace the Bushfire Safety Awareness component completed by volunteer firefighters and SES members, yet volunteers are encouraged to share the course availability within their networks.

The Rural Fire Awareness course covers similar topics to the Bushfire Fundamentals course. However, its focus is directed more towards farmer response brigades and seasonal workers, delivering basic awareness of fireground safety, suppression strategies and ensuring personal safety during fireground operations.

The courses can be completed in 2-3 hours and allow for multiple sessions. Participants receive an email as evidence of course completion.

The [Bushfire Fundamentals](#) and [Rural Fire Awareness](#) information sheets are useful resources to give you an overview, course access details and learning tips.

All DFES ID users will be redirected to the internal eAcademy to complete these courses.

Both courses offered online are accessible and compatible across multiple platforms, including PCs, tablets, and mobile phones.



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These online courses represent a significant milestone in enhancing accessibility to bushfire training and aim to engage diverse groups of participants fostering greater preparedness in Western Australian communities. I would also like to acknowledge the collaboration and extensive support from the eAcademy Team in the delivery of these online courses.

If you have any questions about this course or wish to provide feedback, please email bcoetraining@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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