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**Australian Warning System (AWS) – Online awareness module now available**

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A significant change to alerts and warnings in Western Australia is coming soon with DFES adopting national consistency through the Australian Warning System (AWS). The AWS colours and icons were successfully applied to bushfire warnings in 2021 and from mid-2024, cyclone, flood and storm warnings will also adopt the new system.

AWS warnings will also feature an action statement to give affected communities clear advice about what action to take to stay safe.

To help DFES staff, emergency services volunteers and external stakeholders prepare for the AWS changes, an online awareness module has been developed.

**1. [AWS Awareness](#)**

An overview of the AWS and how it applies in Western Australia. Delivered as a self-paced, e-learning module and recommended for all DFES and DBCA personnel (staff and volunteers) and relevant external stakeholders.

For decision-makers, additional training will occur through an online scenario assessment-based module, and face-to-face assessment sessions across all regions. More information about this additional training will be provided on the DFES Intranet, Volunteer Hub and through your Regional Superintendent.

Additionally, further refresher training will be organised ahead of the 2024/2025 High Threat Period.

The AWS Awareness module is now available to DFES staff, volunteers and personnel on [eAcademy](#). External stakeholders will also be invited to complete the online modules, including those in industry, local government and emergency management.

For further information about the AWS visit the [Intranet](#) and [Volunteer Hub](#) project pages or the DFES website. To get in touch with the DFES Public Information Branch email [statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au)

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