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AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM (AWS) ONLINE TRAINING NOW AVAILABLE

Key Message

Two online training modules are now available to ensure staff are ready for the next phase of the Australian Warning System (AWS) implementation on Monday 15 July 2024.

What’s been happening?

DFES will achieve national consistency through the AWS with cyclone, flood, and storm warnings by adopting the AWS framework alongside bushfire and heatwave warnings.

What do I need to do?

All staff and volunteers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the changes caused by the implementation of the AWS. If you are in a position responsible for issuing alerts and warnings or assist with the management of public information the training modules must be completed.

To assist, the following eAcademy courses are now available:

[AWS Awareness](#)

An overview of the AWS and how it is applied in Western Australia. Available to staff and volunteers from DFES and DBCA.

[Applying the AWS](#)

A scenario-based module to assist decision-makers determine an appropriate AWS level and action statement for incidents relevant to their position.

As well as online modules, the DFES Public Information Branch are conducting face-to-face training with decision-makers across all regions. The **‘Applying the AWS’** module must be completed before attending a face-to-face session. Further training will be conducted ahead of the 2024/2025 High Threat Period.

The online modules are available to external stakeholders through MobiliseMe. Contact the DFES Public Information Branch if you wish to complete the modules.

Further information?

Visit the AWS [Intranet](#) and [Volunteer Hub](#) project pages, the [DFES website](#) or email the DFES Public Information Branch @ statepublicinfo@dfes.wa.gov.au

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