

CalOES FAQs

- 1. It seems that all the criterion is associated with California, and since we are in another state, I wonder if the program is right for us. Is my initial assumption correct: Once we take the webinars and become certified, do we then become part of a national database that can be accessed by the local jurisdictions?**

The program is indeed a California program, but we encourage those living in other states to learn from it and use what is suitable for them. The "all-hazards" approach also sets up persons to be used on an interstate basis. Some states also have created their own parallel programs but use an adapted version of ours to train with.

- 2. Do we need to obtain the ATC handbooks prior to the webinars (in-order to participate)?**

It is not vital to have an ATC-20-1 for the class, but course attendees should obtain it or have one available in the office and become familiar with it. The manual does draw from it.

- 3. In the DSW-Volunteer section, are they supposed to choose SEAOC or other?**

SEAOC is fine -- the ID card will say "SEA."

- 4. For our EIT staff who are not yet licensed: Are they still eligible to receive the certification, or does one need to possess a current PE or RA license? If a non-licensed EIT participates in the training, and becomes licensed in the coming year, is he/she still eligible for the CalOES certification?**

Non-licensed persons can take the class, and they will receive a paper certificate. Once they receive their architect or civil engineer's license, they will be issued an ID card. Many states only use persons who have a credential such as those professional licenses, or one of numerous building inspection certificates that all require an understanding of building load path. Building officials want to make sure that the persons coming in to help them would be able to act with competence.

- 5. What information is on the Certification Card?**

The card will contain the participant's photo and ID number. It will expire in 5 years.

Registration Form Questions:

- 6. Who should sign the bottom of the registration form? The proctor?**

Per Judith Fredericks: I will sign as the instructor, and the proctors can sign at the "witnessed by" part of the oath section, which will otherwise not be used.

- 7. How should attendees complete the top of the registration form? The DSW check-off boxes....**

Per Judith Fredericks: The students won't need to fill out the DSW part of the form at the top, but must check if they are engineers, architects, or building inspectors.

DSW = Disaster Service Worker