

Activity 3.1: EOC Skillsets

This activity familiarizes students with the twenty EOC Skillsets.

Activity Instructions

Allow 45 minutes for completion of the activity.

1. Divide the class into teams of approximately two (2) people.
2. Refer students to the supplemental materials on EOC Skillsets and the information available on the FEMA website <https://www.fema.gov/national-qualification-system>. (Skillsets Direct Link)
Note that Handout 3-5 contains the summary of the NQS EOC Skillsets derived from the *NIMS EOC Skillsets User Guide*. If students have internet access during the course, it is recommended that the full EOC Skillset descriptions are used for Activity 3.1.
3. Assign each team one of the Skillsets. If the 20 Skillsets do not break down evenly, the instructor can assign a second Skillset to one or more teams.
 - Assigned Skillset:
4. Alternatively, the instructor can assign themselves one or two Skillsets and lead the discussion by briefing a few Skillsets. If this approach is used, it is recommended that the instructor brief Leadership and Organizational Representatives.

5. The teams should be given 10-15 minutes to review and summarize their assigned skillset(s). Direct the two-person teams to prepare and brief the following for their assigned Skillset(s):
 - Briefly summarize the role that the Skillset performs in the EOC.
 - Describe an example of how this Skillset is implemented in an EOC that the team is familiar with. What type of EOC is it and how is the Skillset assigned (i.e., Operations, Planning, etc.)?
6. Have teams inform the class on their assigned Skillset(s). Emphasize that this is intended as a brief introduction to the Skillsets, and that these will be discussed more during other activities in this unit and later in the course. 30-35 minutes are allotted for the skillset brief-back and discussion.