

QUICK FACTS FOR COHORT VIII
(IFRC-TISS Online Certificate Programme in Disaster Management)

Who Can Apply?

The programme is meant for a wide variety of learners/practitioners in disaster management globally. IFRC, National Society volunteers, staff at all levels along with others interested in disaster management and humanitarian response should apply.

Entry Requirements:

- Applicants should have at least a Second Class Bachelor's Degree or the its overseas equivalent. Although each application is judged on its own merits and exceptions to this entry requirement may be made. Applicants who do not have a Bachelor's Degree or the overseas equivalent may apply if they demonstrate (via a personal statement) that they can communicate clearly, are highly motivated, and have experience of prior learning.
- Candidates from developing countries and those working in the humanitarian field will receive priority. Up to 50 qualified participants will be selected to participate in each course.
- Ability to work on a computer with a reasonable level of access to the Internet.

Language of Instruction :

The medium of instruction will be English. Applicants must demonstrate adequate knowledge of English to undertake a Post-Graduate level of study. This includes the reading of academic texts, discussing complex concepts with other course participants and writing essays.

Annual timetable and Duration :

The course starts in April and September each year. It concludes 12 months from the start of the programme.

Selection Process :

TISS and IFRC will select up to 50 qualified participants from those who apply, inclusive of bursaries, to attend this course in Cohort III. The selected candidates will be informed through email.

Application Timeline :

- Application Process begins from June 20th 2016 (including bursary applications).
- End of Bursary applications: 1st August ,2016,23: 59 hrs IST (GMT+5.30 hrs).
- Last date of submission of applications (non bursary applications):31st August,2016,23: 59 Hrs IST (GMT+5.30 Hrs)
- Beginning of Cohort VIII : September 26th,2016.

Fees :

Participant Type	Fees*
IFRC and National Societies' Participants	USD 990
TISS Alumni	USD 990
Standard Program Fee	USD 1,980

*Fees once paid are non-refundable although admissions can be transferred to the next cohort in exceptional cases.

Bursary/ Scholarship :

A limited number of bursaries are on offer to the most in need. Applicants for the bursary should complete the bursary section in the application process and ensure that they demonstrate the need for this support in their application. The selection process will be completely on merit and means basis. The last date for bursary application is 1st August ,2016,23: 59 hrs IST (GMT+5.30 hrs).

Qualification Received :

Successful completion of the course will result in a Certificate in Disaster Management issued by Tata Institute for Social Sciences, India.

How to Apply :

Applications must be submitted online through <http://ifrc.tiss.edu/>.

Additional inquiries can be addressed by email to onlinedm@tiss.edu.