Updated Elevation Certificate and Dry Floodproofing Certificate Available

FEMA has released new versions of the Elevation Certificate and the Floodproofing Certificate, which have been approved and should be used going forward through 06/30/2026. There is no grace period for the old form. **Any form signed and dated as of July 7, 2023, must be on the latest FEMA Elevation Certificate Form.**

Highlights of the Revisions to the Elevation Certificate:

General

- Aligns the Elevation Certificate with FEMA's new insurance pricing methodology, Risk Rating 2.0.
- Expanded form sections capture additional detail and clarity.
- More photographs to capture additional building details are now required regardless of the intended use of the EC form.
- More detailed instructions pages provide better clarity on how to properly complete the EC form.

Section A

- A5 Latitude and Longitude (every time)
- A6 (at least 2 photos, preferably 4 or more, must be submitted with each EC and they must be clear/visible)
- All of A8 (when appropriate)
- All of A9 (when appropriate)

Section B

• B1.a and B1.b (both must be entered and correct)

Section C

• C2f (LAG) and C2g (HAG): boxes are now required for either "Natural" or "Finished" grade. These must be marked (every time, when Section C is used).

Section E

- The stage of construction (i.e., "Construction Drawings", "Buildings Under Construction", or "Finished Construction") must be marked when this section is used.
- E5 must be completed (when appropriate).

Section G – Community Officials

- Connects the form to local permit and variance decisions, and documents compliance with higher standards.
- G8 (every time)
- G11 (every time)
- Local officials must provide Name, Signature, and Date in Section G (every time)

New Sections H and I

- Gathers building's first floor height for all zones
- For NFIP insurance purposes only.
- Professional survey not required.

Highlights of the Revisions to the Dry Floodproofing Certificate:

- A revised format that requires separate certification of building design, elevation, and construction.
- Additional information collected on the dry floodproofing certificate form (in Section I) supports
 determination of where dry floodproofing approach is viable, and where a building is eligible for
 floodproofing discount.
- Separate sections to certify the design (II), the as-built elevation (III), and confirm that the design & construction meets the performance standards (IV).
- More specifics provided (in the instructions) on the required photographs and supporting documentation.