



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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DATE: July 26, 2013

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Interim Training Measure for Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) Training: **July 26 – September 30, 2013**

Memorandum Summary

State Agencies (SAs) and Regional Office (ROs) Staffs may use interim online, Blackboard training for BLSC

- **SAs and ROs will be permitted to use the Online BLSC, with certain restrictions, for training needs during the period July 26 – September 30, 2013.** The current circumstances indicate that it may be for a very long time before the next regularly scheduled BLSCC will occur. Restrictions are outlined below.
- **SAs must appoint an experienced surveyor as mentor for BLSC students; the mentor's duties must include supervising the student in their initial field survey experience.** Such students cannot survey independently until they have completed a CMS-sponsored/trained BLSC Course and completed all pre-and post-requisites as identified in the Training Appendix to the MPD, and pertinent other S&C Memoranda.

The SCG Training Staff will make the Blackboard, online Basic Life Safety Code Course (BLSCC) available for SAs and ROs that need to train LSC surveyors. The conditions for the use of this method are as follows:

1. The pre-and post-requisites will be waived until the student is scheduled to attend the next regularly scheduled, CMS-sponsored BLSCC.
2. An experienced LSC surveyor must be assigned as a mentor for each student.
3. The student must take and pass the online BLSCC.
4. The student must attend the next regularly scheduled CMS-sponsored BLSCC, and successfully complete all other pre-and post-requisites, including the Fire Inspector 1 Certification (FI1C) examination.
5. The student may not survey independently until they have completed step 4.

Effective Date: Immediately. This temporary allowance should be communicated with all survey and certification staff involved with Life Safety Code duties, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

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