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Certificate of Attendance

This certificate is presented to

Veronica Thomas

for successful completion of the 90-minute webinar training **"Total Disability Ratings Based on Individual Unemployability"**

Presented by the National Veterans Legal Services Program

This 26th Day of August 2026

Paul Wright, Esq.
Executive Director

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FY26 Advanced Training

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Training Details

Training Type: External Training
Training Hours: 12 Hours 0 Minutes
Training Description: TVC - TRAINED WILL CHICK AND FRANK MARTINEZ - ONE EACH DAY
Status: Completed
Training Purpose:
Due Date: None
Language: English (US)
Institution: TVC
Training Dates: 8/27/2026- 8/28/2026
Attachment(s): **Attachments**

Assignment History

RegNum	Latest Registration?	Delivery	Transcript Delivery Method	Version	Due Date	Status	Options
1	Yes	Assigned by Laura Bivens on 8/31/2026 2:26:10 PM	Direct Assignment	1	None	Completed	

Transcript History

Status changed to Completed by Laura Bivens (70005640340) on 8/31/2026 2:26:19 PM
Assigned by Laura Bivens (70005640340) on 8/31/2026 2:26:10 PM Comments: Initial Request

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Training Details

Training Type: Test
Provider: Claims Department
Training Hours: 0 Hours 0 Minutes
Description:
Training Purpose:
Due Date: None
Highest Score: 88
Attempts Left: 2
Status: Completed **View Completion Page**

Scoring Details

ATTEMPT	DATE COMPLETED	TEST TIME	SCORES	PASSING SCORE (%)	REVIEW TEST
1	9/9/2026	0 Hour(s) 49 Minute(s)	88	70.00%	Review

Test Scoring Details

Scores By Section

Test Questions: 88% (22 Out Of 25)
Overall Score: **88% (22 Out Of 25)**

Assignment History

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1	Yes	Started by Veronica Thomas on 9/9/2026 8:07:37 AM	Direct Assignment	1	None	Completed	

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The aggregate training hours displayed below are based on training completions in the current fiscal year (9/01-8/31). Click the three dots to the right to run a transcript report for additional information.

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AGGREGATE TRAINING COMPLETED

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
8/31/2027

COST
$0.00

Search by Keyword

Search

Filter by Training Status Completed

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Search Results (7)

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Claims Initial Training

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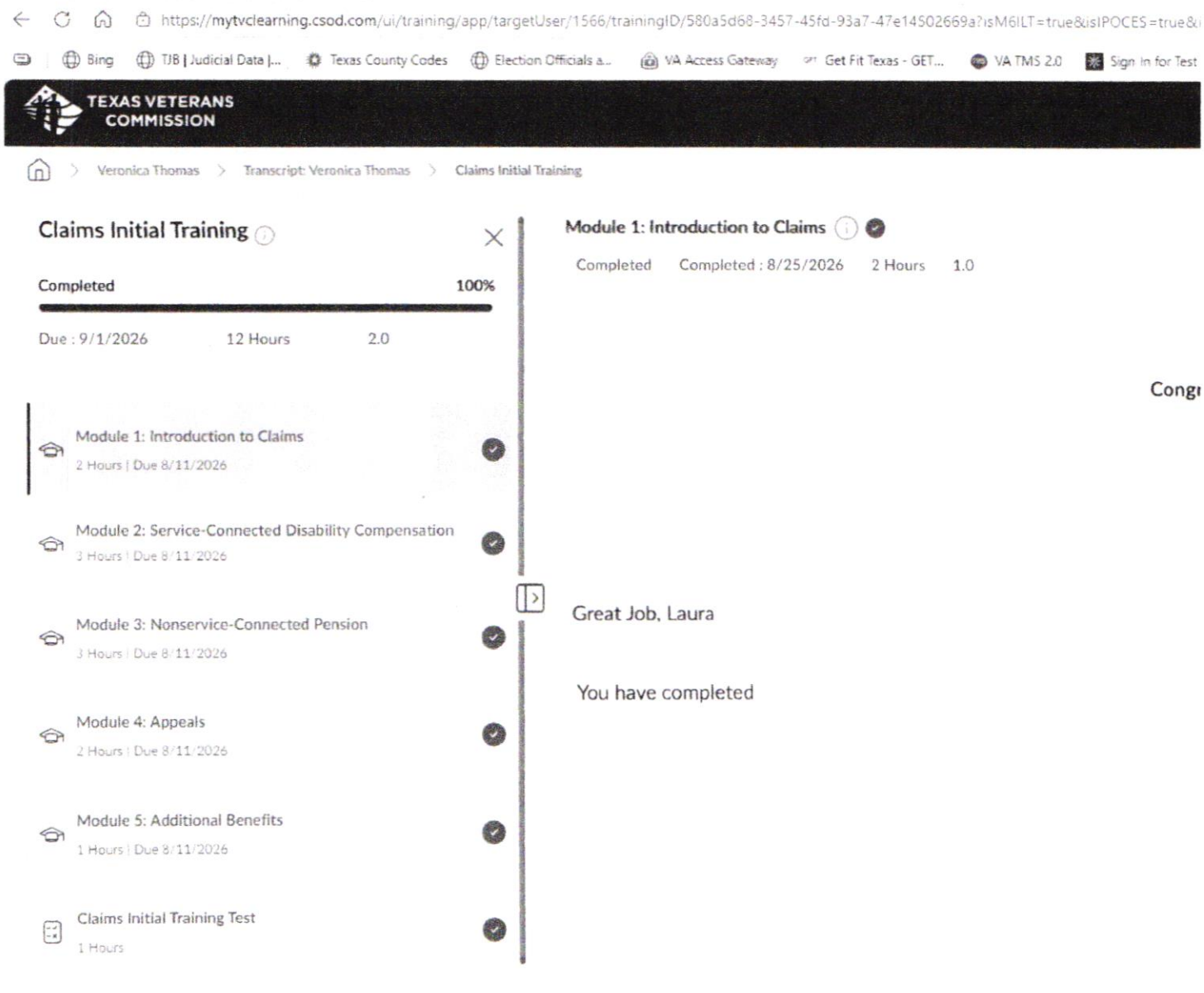
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Training Status : Completed

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Outlook

Confirmation that you completed the 12 hour and test successfully

From Laura Bivens <laura.bivens@tvc.texas.gov>
Date Thu 9/17/2026 1:25 PM
To Veronica Thomas <veronica.thomas@co.sabine.tx.us>
Cc Laura Bivens <laura.bivens@tvc.texas.gov>



Respectfully,

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20472

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FEMA

August 25, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Daryl Melton
Judge, Sabine County
Post Office Box 716
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Judge Melton:

I am pleased to formally notify you that the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has converted Sabine County to the Regular Phase of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) effective August 4, 2026 in accordance with Section 1336 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968. Flood insurance is now available at the full limits of coverage to local property owners and may be purchased from any insurance agent or broker licensed to do business in the State where the insurable property is located.

I am enclosing a copy of the news release announcing Sabine County's eligibility to participate in the NFIP. I hope it assists you in your efforts to publicize the availability of this important coverage. Sabine County's property owners will want to know about this opportunity to obtain insurance protection against losses from future flooding. The buildings and contents coverage is now available to building owners and tenants.

In general, new flood insurance policies and endorsements adding or increasing coverage become effective following a 30-day waiting period. However, there are three exceptions.

1. Map Revision Exception: Coverage becomes effective after a 1-day waiting period during the first 13 months following a flood map revision newly identifying a building as located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) when it was previously identified as outside an SFHA.
2. Loan Exception: If the initial purchase of new, additional, or increased flood insurance coverage is in connection with making, increasing, extending, or renewing a loan secured by the insured property (for example, a mortgage loan) – and if the NFIP receives the request for insurance and premium within an appropriate timeframe, then no waiting period applies and coverage becomes effective as of the time of the loan closing.
3. Post-Wildfire Exception: In certain cases, coverage becomes effective after a 1-day waiting period.

Detailed requirements regarding the waiting periods can be found in the NFIP Flood Insurance Manual (Current Flood Insurance Manuals | FEMA.gov).

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The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), which shows the SFHAs for Sabine County, became effective on August 4, 2026. This FIRM date indicates the effective date for the authorization of the sale of first and second layer flood insurance coverage at full-risk rates for all new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures within Sabine County. The first layer coverage on structures built prior to August 4, 2026, will be available at subsidized rates unless improvements are made to the structure.

Flood insurance rates for buildings built after the issuance of the initial FIRM (post-FIRM construction) for a community are based on the building's risk of flooding and charged full-risk rates, which may be higher, if the structure is not built in compliance with the NFIP floodplain management requirements. Generally, buildings that comply with the community's floodplain management regulations (and NFIP minimum requirements) are charged the lowest rates, and those that do not comply may be charged much higher rates. Enforcement of floodplain management regulations by communities is critical for the NFIP to achieve its objectives of protecting lives and property and providing flood insurance within participating communities at affordable insurance rates.

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners seeking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in SFHAs. This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

In addition, all loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs are also contingent upon the borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building. However, purchasing and maintaining flood insurance coverage on a voluntary basis is frequently recommended for properties located outside SFHAs.

If you need additional assistance or information, I recommend you contact Cody Ransone, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (512) 475-1563, in writing at the Texas Water Development Board, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701, or by electronic mail at cody.ransone@twdb.texas.gov. The FEMA Regional staff in Denton, Texas, is also available to assist you. You may contact the Regional staff by telephone at (940) 898-5127 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region 6, at 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76209-3698.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sears

Rachel Sears, Director
Floodplain Management Division
Mitigation Directorate | FEMA

Enclosure

cc: Arsany Thomas, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 6
Cody Ransone, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Texas Water Development Board
David Roach, Emergency Management Coordinator, Sabine County

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E-MAILED 9/4/26

File Code: 1950
Date: September 4, 2026

The Honorable Judge Daryl Melton
Sabine County Judge
P.O. Box 716
Hemphill, TX 75948

Dear Judge Melton,

I am writing to inform you that Michael Boren, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, has signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas (NFGT) Oil and Gas Leasing Availability Analysis. The decision determines which lands are available for future Federal oil and gas leasing and which lease stipulations will apply to protect surface resources, in accordance with federal law and regulation.

Project documents, including the environmental impact statement, are available on the project website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r08/texas/projects/285596. A notice of availability of the environmental impact statement is anticipated to be published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2026. The decision is not subject to pre-administrative review (objection) procedures under 36 CFR 218 or 219.

This project supports national priorities related to domestic energy development and strategic use planning.

For further information please contact Juanita Garcia, Public Services Staff Officer, at (936) 639-8504 or juanita.garcia@usda.gov.

Thank you for your interest in National Forests and Grasslands of Texas projects.

Sincerely,

KIMPTON COOPER
Forest Supervisor

cc: Mandy Chumley, Christine Handler, Juanita Garcia

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