

CRS UNIFORM MINIMUM CREDIT ALASKA

SUMMARY

The Community Rating System (CRS) provides Uniform Minimum Credit (UMC) for certain state laws, regulations, and standards that support floodplain management within the state and have proven effective in reducing flood damage.

The following table summarizes UMC available to all communities. It also includes possible additional credit available for selected areas or state activities. ISO/CRS Specialists and the communities need to determine which possible additional credits apply to their area. These UMCs do not necessarily apply to Tribal Nations.

The range of credit available to communities within the state is shown below, followed by an explanation of each activity. The credit is based on the 2013 *CRS Coordinator's Manual*.

Activity	Element	Credit
Uniform Minimum Credit		
340	Other Disclosure Requirements (ODR)	10
450	Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC)	10
	Total	20
Possible Additional Credit		
450	Water Quality (WQ)	20
410	Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP1)	10
630	State Dam Safety (SDS)	14
	Total	44

Credit for activities in the 400 series can increase based on the Community Growth Adjustment. The CRS requires participating communities to maintain elevation certificates, which provide an additional 38 points. Five hundred points are needed for Class 9.

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Activity 340. Flood Hazard Disclosure

Other Disclosure Requirements (ODR) – Ten points are awarded for the requirement that sellers disclose whether a property is in a floodplain or has suffered flood damage. The State of Alaska Residential Real Property Transfer Disclosure Statement was prepared in compliance with the Alaska Statute for this purpose. The Disclosure statement asks about damage from other hazards but no points are awarded because the

the state does not qualify for Disclosure of Flood Hazard (DFH) credit.

Legal basis: *Alaska Statute 34.7.010, Disclosures in Residential Real Property Transfers.*, Sections 34.70.010 – 34.70.200 is at <http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title34/Chapter70/Section010.htm>. The *Residential Real Property Transfer Disclosure* form is established under *Alaska Statute 34.70.050* is at http://www.dced.state.ak.us/occ/pub/REC_08-4229.pdf.

Annual UMC verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will verify the regulations are still in effect.

Activity 450. Stormwater Management

Erosion & Sedimentation Control (ESC) – 10 points are awarded for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Phase II Program, which requires all construction activities greater than one acre to obtain a permit from the Environmental Protection Agency, a delegated state, or a community with a MS4 permit.

Legal basis: The Environmental Protection Agency requirements for stormwater management are at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/authorizationstatus.cfm> and <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/npdes/index.htm>.

Verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will verify credit by reviewing permits and erosion control plans.

Annual UMC verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will verify that the requirements are still in effect.

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL CREDIT

Some state standards are eligible for CRS credit, but may not be in effect in every community. These standards are addressed below. ISO/CRS Specialists and the communities need to determine whether they are creditable in their area.

Activity 410. Floodplain Mapping

Cooperating Technical Partner 1 (CTP1) – 10 points are awarded for the CTP agreement between the State of Alaska and FEMA. This is verified independently by the CTP technical reviewer and the results are distributed once each year.

Activity 450. Stormwater Management

Water Quality Regulations (WQ) – 20 points may be awarded if new developments' stormwater management facilities are required to improve the quality of stormwater management runoff.

Legal basis: This is part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Phase II Program requirements.

Verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will review a copy of the local ordinance language that requires best management practices for water quality and copies of development plans showing implementation of the law.

Annual UMC verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will verify that best management practices for water quality are required.

Activity 630. Dams

State Dam Safety (SDS) – Up to 14 points of credit for State Dam Safety Program activities based on the Dam Safety Program Management Tool. 7 points awarded for Condition Assessment and 7 points for Emergency Action Planning.

Verification: ISO/CRS Specialists will verify that the community is in compliance with the State Dam Safety Program. SDS credit is limited to communities that would be affected by a flood from the failure of a high-hazard-potential dam. This must be documented with a description and a map.

Annual UMC verification: The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Dam Safety Office annually verifies SDS credit.