

**SUMMARY OF NIMS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE,
REQUIREMENTS, AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

Fiscal Year	Implementation Requirements	Certification Process
FY 2005	States and territories must meet minimum FY 05 NIMS implementation requirements; Tribal and local governments encouraged to start implementing the NIMS	At the end of FY 2005, States and Territories submit a self-certification form attesting that the state, taken as a whole*, has met the minimum FY 2005 requirements. State certification is required to receive FY 2006 preparedness funds.
FY 2006	States, territories, tribes and local governments <u>must</u> meet the FY 06 NIMS implementation requirements <i>Refer to the attached FY 2006 NIMS Implementation Matrices for State and Local Governments</i>	At the end of FY 2006, States and Territories submit a self-certification form attesting that the State (including its tribal and local jurisdictions) has met the minimum FY 2006 requirements. State certification is required to receive FY 2007 preparedness funds.
FY 2007 and outyears	Full NIMS compliance is required for all federal preparedness funds. States, territories, tribes and local governments continue to implement the NIMS and meet any additional requirements as identified by the NIMS Integration Center to ensure the continued success of the NIMS.	State certification of ongoing NIMS compliance requirements. NIMS compliance continues to be required to receive federal preparedness funds.

* “Taken as a whole” recognizes that not every community or individual responder will have completed all of the requirements. The “taken as a whole” standard means that most have and that good faith efforts are underway to achieve full compliance.