

# *Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology*



Celebrating **50 years** of service in building a weather, climate and water secure Caribbean

## *Training Courses 2018*



## METEOROLOGY

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### ENTRY LEVEL METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS' COURSE No. 88/18

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*Duration: 2nd March – 27th July 2018*

This course for observers is intended to provide basic meteorological knowledge and practice in weather observing procedures and in the plotting of synoptic and aviation reports. On completion of the course participants are expected to:

- (i) Be familiar with the procedures and rules governing the recording and coding of different weather elements.
- (ii) Accurately code, decode and plot synoptic and aviation reports; plot data on surface synoptic charts, upper air charts and thermodynamic diagrams.
- (iii) Extract hourly and daily data, and tabulate these data on climatological forms.
- (iv) Determine when meteorological instruments are functioning properly.

*Nominations 04<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

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### MID LEVEL METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS' COURSE No. 44/18

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*Duration: 2 March – 29 November 2018*

This course is designed for senior Entry-Level Technicians specialising in one of the following:

- (1) Applications of Meteorology;
- (2) Instrument Maintenance, Repair and Calibration.

The Applications of Meteorology programme consists of elements of agrometeorology, climatology, hydrometeorology and aeronautical meteorology.

The course is intended for experienced observers who are expected to supervise and instruct Entry-level personnel and assist Senior-Level personnel with the processing of data and the preparation of meteorological and other information. Graduates are expected to:

- (i) Have a thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations governing the observing, recording and use of meteorological and other data.
- (ii) Quality control data and complete simple statistical and other analysis of the data.
- (iii) Prepare summaries and reports of the analysed data
- (iv) Assist with field and other experiments in the areas of specialisation.

- (v) Inspect and set-up weather observation sites.
- (vi) Maintain, repair and calibrate relevant meteorological instruments.
- (vii) Assist with the briefing of pilots.

***Nominations 4 November 2017***

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**SENIOR LEVEL METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS' COURSE No. 23/18**

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***Duration: 8 January 2018 – 12 July 2019***

This course is designed to train personnel as meteorological forecasters. All major areas of meteorology are taught, but emphasis is placed on tropical meteorology.

Graduates of this course are expected to:

- (i) Know and understand the main physical and dynamical processes and phenomena associated with weather at all scales.
- (ii) Analyse and interpret synoptic weather charts and diagrams depicting current weather conditions.
- (iii) Identify the physical and dynamical processes creating the weather conditions and be able to predict what conditions will evolve from the effects of these processes.
- (iv) Interpret and use NWP products in the prediction of the weather.
- (v) Interpret satellite imagery and use it in analysis and forecasting.
- (vi) Prepare terminal and other forecasts for aviation and prepare documentation for use in flight planning and aircraft movement.
- (vii) Know the weather conditions which are hazardous to the movement of aircraft and be able to predict these conditions.

***Nominations close 22 September 2017***

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**BIP- M SENIOR LEVEL METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS' COURSE No. 1/18**

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***Duration: 2 March 2018 – 12 July 2019***

This course is designed to train personnel with Bachelor Degrees in the Mathematics, Physics and or Engineering Degrees (strictly) as meteorological forecasters. All major areas of meteorology are taught, but emphasis is placed on tropical meteorology.

Graduates of this course are expected to:

- (iii) Know and understand the main physical and dynamical processes and phenomena associated with weather at all scales.
- (iv) Analyse and interpret synoptic weather charts and diagrams depicting current weather conditions.
- (iii) Identify the physical and dynamical processes creating the weather conditions and be able to predict what conditions will evolve from the effects of these processes.
- (iv) Interpret and use NWP products in the prediction of the weather.
- (v) Interpret satellite imagery and use it in analysis and forecasting.
- (vi) Prepare terminal and other forecasts for aviation and prepare documentation for use in flight planning and aircraft movement.
- (vii) Know the weather conditions which are hazardous to the movement of aircraft and be able to predict these conditions.

*Nominations close 15 December 2017*

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## **OPERATIONAL AERONAUTICAL FORECASTERS' COURSE No. 7/19**

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*Duration: 13 May 2019 – 12 July 2019*

This course is specifically designed for applicants with a B.Sc in Meteorology preparing to become operational forecasters. It provides theoretical aeronautical and operational procedures with *emphasis on the practical and operational applications* of the theory to weather analysis and forecasting, particularly in the tropics. This course is designed to bring the applicants to a level that reflects the WMO first and second level competencies for Aeronautical Meteorological Forecasters (AMFs).

Graduates of this course are expected to:

- (ii) Analyse and interpret synoptic weather charts and diagrams depicting current weather conditions.
- (iii) Identify the physical and dynamical processes creating the weather conditions and be able to predict what conditions will evolve from the effects of these processes
- (iv) Interpret and use NWP products in the prediction of the weather
- (v) Interpret satellite imagery and use these in analysis and forecasting
- (vi) Prepare terminal and other forecasts for aviation and prepare documentation for use in flight planning and aircraft movement

- (vii) Know the weather conditions which are hazardous to the movement of aircraft and be able to predict these conditions
- (viii) Familiar with the relevant ICAO and WMO standards, recommended practices and codes relating to aviation
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***Nominations close 15 March 2019***

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**CIMH CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR  
AERONAUTICAL FORECASTERS No. 7/18**

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*Duration: 22 September 2018 – 04 May 2019*

This course is an online course set up for current operational forecasters. It provides additional training in the areas associated with aeronautical meteorology. The course will be retooled to support the maintenance of the recommended approved Competence Standards for Aviation Meteorological Forecasting (WMO Publication No. 49, Technical Regulations, Volume I).

The minimum entry requirement for the course is successful completion of the BIP-M requirements as defined in the WMO Publication No. 1083, *Manual on the Implementation of Education and Training Standards in Meteorology and Hydrology*. Hence, participants must be a graduate of the Senior Level Meteorological Technicians' course and/or have a Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology.

***Nominations close 15 September 2018***

## HYDROLOGY

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### HYDROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS COURSE No. HT 29/18

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*Duration: 30 July 2018–26 April 2019*

This course is designed for hydrological technicians in areas of ground water, surface water, water quality and the acquisition and analysis of data. Fieldwork is normally conducted outside of Barbados.

Technicians completing this course successfully would be able to do the following:

- (i) Provide continuous knowledge transfer and training to junior technicians through on-the-job training.
- (ii) Conduct primary screening of hydrological data, simple analyses
- (iii) Assist with preliminary hydrological studies
- (iv) Assist with hydrological monitoring programmes
- (iii) Assist hydrologists in research.

*Nominations close 29 June 2018*

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### DIPLOMA IN HYDROLOGY COURSE No. DipH 18/18

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*Duration: 8 January 2018 –12 July 2019*

This course is designed to train personnel for the hydrological services in ground water, surface water and other related techniques and applications. Fieldwork is normally conducted outside of Barbados.

Technicians completing the Diploma course successfully are expected to:-

- (i) Supervise hydrological technicians.
- (ii) Carry out complete screening, analysis and dissemination of hydrological data for both surface and subsurface waters.
- (iii) With guidance from the hydrologist, conduct fieldwork in hydrometry, geophysics, ground water extraction, well development and maintenance.
- (iv) Assist hydrologists in operations and research.
- (v) Collaborate with agencies in practical aspects of surface and ground water utilization.

*Nominations close 22 September 2017*

## SHORT COURSES

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### **METEOROLOGY FOR CSEC/CAPE GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS 02/18 (ONLINE)**

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*Duration: 29 June – 30 July 2018*

This is a short course that is intended for CSEC/CAPE Level secondary school Geography teachers who wish to develop a greater understanding of the fundamentals of meteorology applicable to their CSEC/CAPE Geography syllabus. The goal of this course is for the teachers to be able to understand the principles governing climate and weather systems and to be able to explain basic meteorological processes so they can more effectively teach the concepts to secondary school students at the CSEC/CAPE level. It is also open to any other interested secondary school Geography teachers from all territories as it enhances their understanding of the fundamental meteorological concepts in all levels of the secondary school Geography syllabus.

*Nominations close 30 April 2018*

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### **INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ONLINE) 3/18**

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*Duration: 30 April – 8 June 2018*

This course offers an introduction to Geographical Information Systems (GIS) using both ArcGIS and QGIS software. Participants will (i) learn how to differentiate between raster and vector data sources, (ii) be introduced to spatial projections and georeferencing and (iii) learn how to complete simple geoprocessing tasks using both commercial and open source packages.

*Nominations close 20 April 2018*

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### **HYDROLOGICAL MODELLING WITH HEC-HMS (ONLINE) 3/18**

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*Duration: 2 July – 10 August 2018*

This course offers an introduction to rainfall-runoff modelling by introducing concepts and tools that can be used to complete basic hydrologic analysis. Participants will learn how to determine design rainfall and how to use that information to develop flowhydrographs using the HEC-HMS and HEC-GeoHMS software packages. The course targets persons working in hydrology related fields with limited experience in rainfall-runoff modelling.

*Nominations close 22 June 2018*

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**GIS FOR HYDROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS (ONLINE) 5/18**

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*Duration: 3 September – 12 October 2018*

Participants will be given an introduction to basic Geographic Information System (GIS) concepts with a focus on hydrological applications. This includes the registering, manipulation and analysis of spatial data sets using commercial and open source software. It is recommended that persons first complete the “Introduction to Geographical Information Systems” course before attempting the “GIS for Hydrological Technicians” course.

*Nomination close 24 August, 2018*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RELATED TO HYDROLOGICAL SYSTEMS (ONLINE)**

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*Duration: 03 – 28 September 2018*

This course examines anthropogenic processes and their impact on the management of surface and groundwater resources, the migration of pollutants such as oil, pesticides, landfill leachate into aquifers and environmental monitoring.

*Nominations close 24 August, 2018*

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**FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING (ONLINE) 4/18**

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*Duration: 22 October – 29 November 2018*

Participants will learn how to prepare data for flood analysis and will be given an introduction to flood hazard modelling and mapping through an introduction to some basic functionalities and toolsets within ArcGIS. It is recommended that persons complete the “Hydrological Modelling with HEC-HMS” and the “GIS for Hydrological Technicians” course before attempting the “Flood Hazard Mapping” course

*Nomination close 12 October, 2018*

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**CARIBBEAN DEWETRA PLATFORM (ONLINE)**

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*Duration: TBD*

This course introduces participants to the Caribbean Dewetra Platform. Participants will learn about the available tools and products available on the platform and how they can be used to support impacts forecasting and scenario-based disaster management. The course targets persons working in meteorological services, hydrological services and disaster management.

*Nomination close - TBD*

# UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

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## **B.Sc. DEGREE IN METEOROLOGY**

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This is a three-year programme offered by the University of the West Indies in association with the CIMH.

For more information please refer to the UWI Cave Hill Campus Faculty of Science and Technology (<http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/fst/prospective-students.aspx>). Additional information and an application form can be obtained from:

The Assistant Registrar (Student Affairs)  
University of the West Indies  
Cave Hill  
St. Michael  
Barbados, W.I.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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The minimum qualifications for all courses, with the exception of the B.Sc. programme, are 4 CXC Grade I – III (or GCE ‘O’ level equivalent) certificates including English Language, Mathematics and Physics. In addition, candidates for the Mid Level Technician Course and Senior Level Technicians Course programme should also possess an Entry Level Technicians certificate.

**The maximum number of students on each class is 15.**

Requests for further information and applications should be sent to:

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