

ICAO ANNEX XII OUTLINE 2026-2027

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the International Civil Aviation Organization Annex XII on Search and Rescue. It examines all sections of Annex XII and draws upon supplementary information found in the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) manual.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Any personnel who may be involved directly or indirectly in search and rescue activities. This includes Rescue Coordination Centre personnel, Air Traffic Control personnel, Civil Aviation personnel, Coast Guard, Navy, Emergency responders, Police, Administrators and Management.

REFERENCES

IAMSAR manual Volume I- Organization and management
IAMSAR manual Volume II- Operations
IAMSAR manual Volume III- Mobile facilities
ICAO Annex XII- Search and Rescue

GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOME

The candidates will emerge with a solid understanding of ICAO's Annex XII and international SAR principles as described in the Annex. Specifically, it covers the degrees of aeronautical emergencies and applicable actions by the RCC, proper record keeping and other aspects which a State who is signatory under ICAO must respect.

PREREQUISITES

Nil.

LANGUAGE

Understanding of the English language both written and spoken preferably with a minimum of ICAO Level 3 English proficiency.

DURATION AND LOCATION

Course duration is 5 training days, delivered onsite or in Canada, available in 2026-2027.



CLASS SIZE

A maximum of 12 students per instructor.

INSTRUCTING PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

All proposed instructors are Canadian SAR Mission Coordinators from a Canadian Joint Rescue Coordination Centre with a minimum of 10-year experience in SAR and JRCC, and a license as a fixed-wing/ rotary wing Pilot or Air Navigator with a minimum of 7-year experience flying in SAR operations.

SAMPLE COURSE TOPICS

The SAR system internationally
IMO, ICAO and other partners
IAMSAR manuals vols 1-3
Annex XII SAR
Degrees of aeronautical emergencies
Actions by the RCC during aeronautical emergencies
Record keeping

CERTIFICATION

Students receive a certificate of attendance for the ICAO Annex XII training.

COURSE FEE

All-inclusive format. Includes course preparation for specific environment, instruction delivery, graduation certificates and more.

AVAILABILITY AND PREPARATION TIME

Course availability is depending upon IAMSAR Solutions' ongoing commitments. A minimum of 60 days from contract signature is required prior to start of training.