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NHI WEB SITE UPDATES MAKE ACCESSING TRAININGS FASTER, EASIER

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As the training arm of FHWA, the National Highway Institute (NHI) is committed to serving the nationwide transportation community, including FHWA employees, with high-quality training courses.

"From the very beginning, NHI recognized that our mission to train the current and future transportation workforce included a commitment to training Federal transportation employees," says Rick Barnaby, Director of Training at NHI. "In support of this goal, we set aside three no-cost seats for FHWA employees in every single Instructor-led Training (ILT) and Web-conference Training (WCT) session. Web-based Trainings (WBT) are also offered at no cost to FHWA employees."

The NHI Web site includes information about all of NHI's training offerings, including course descriptions and scheduled sessions. Recent improvements to the site make it more accessible and user-friendly, enabling FHWA employees and other transportation professionals to more easily access the training information they need.

A screenshot of the NHI web site search interface. At the top, there are four tabs: 'SEARCH FOR COURSES', 'SEARCH FOR SCHEDULED SESSIONS', 'QUICK SEARCH', and 'DOWNLOAD CATALOG'. Below the tabs is a search input field with a magnifying glass icon. Underneath the input field are three expandable menu items: '+ Choose Delivery Type Options', '+ Choose Program Area Options', and '+ Choose Session Options'. At the bottom of the search area are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear'.

The NHI Web site introduced new search features.

New Search Features

NHI introduced a redesigned search feature on the NHI Web site that makes searching the NHI course catalog faster and easier. A simple, intuitive interface allows users to find and connect with the courses and sessions that best meet their needs. By selecting the "Quick Search" tab, users can view popular searches or search by program area. Customized NHI course catalogs are also available through the "Download Catalog" tab. To find a particular course or scheduled session, users can refine searches by a variety of criteria including delivery type, program area, date, or State. The improved search filter also detects misspelled words and matches keywords with the frequency they are used in course descriptions to display the courses most relevant to the search criteria.



Additionally, the search results page has a new look and feel, providing at-a-glance information about courses and sessions. The new "Sort By" feature displays search results according to user preferences, and the "Scheduled Session" link shows a real-time count of upcoming training sessions. By selecting the course title, users can view the course description page for more information.

Updated Course Description Pages

Course description pages on the NHI Web site now feature a section dedicated to upcoming sessions of the course, enabling users to view and enroll in ILTs, WBTs, and WCTs directly from a course description page. The "Session Information" section of the course description page displays the dates, location, and availability of upcoming sessions, including the availability of the three no-cost FHWA seats set aside for each session. To enroll in an ILT or WCT session, select the "Add to Cart" button to the right of the type of seat that you'd like to purchase to begin the checkout process. To search for courses, enroll in a session, or learn more about NHI, please visit our Web site at www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov.

