

Recertification Point Assignments for Commercial Applicators

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Individuals who become certified may maintain their pesticide certification either by re-taking the certification exam or by obtaining points from approved meetings/seminars/workshops. Below, lists information concerning the purpose of certification and the areas of subject matter that must be reviewed to receive re-certification credit.

The Purpose of Recertification:

- To further enhance the skills of applicators and routinely update their knowledge as new information becomes available and if new control technologies are developed
- Enhance professionalism.

Topics which may receive credit @seminars/workshops/meetings/field days.

Events must cover one or multiple items listed below. Subject areas should be reviewed for at least 50 minutes in length to receive 1 point re-certification /CEU credit. Partial points will not be assigned and/or awarded to events and/or attendees. Point assignments will only be placed on events which cover hourly increments. (Example: a meeting covering any of the topics listed below for 2 hours, 45 minutes would only receive 2 points credit. However, if the presentation lasts 2 hours, 45 minutes with 10 minutes questions and answers, then 3 points credit could be assigned.)

TOPIC AREAS

- Pest (Pest I.D., Damage, Habitat, life cycle, etc.,)
- Pest Control, IPM, chemicals, etc.,
 - Methods to reduce resistance
 - Resistant varieties
 - Pesticide mode of action
 - Sprayer calibration, nozzle placement, application equipment, etc.
- Pesticide Safety and Protecting:
 - Workers and Pesticide Handlers
 - Environment
 - Endangered Species
 - Water Quality as related to pesticides

Information concerning annual meetings/workshops or upcoming meetings held through the University or other academic institutions (such as; experiment stations, University personnel, county offices and/or county personnel) should be submitted to the PSEP Coordinator to receive re-certification credit. Visit <http://psep.utk.edu> or call 865-974-1286, for more information concerning the Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP). Private or commercial meetings held by individuals, companies or organizations that are not academic in nature may contact the Tennessee Department of Agriculture @ 615-837-5148 to obtain re-certification credit.